

DMR West – North West Area JPC Sub Committee - Garda Report



**Garda Síochána Act 2005 – Joint Policing Guidelines 15.9**

The following is compiled by way of general information, for the period under review, as per regulation 17.6, in accordance with the headings specified in that regulation, (1) Commission of Crime and (2) Crime Prevention matters.

<b>Garda Station / (Sub)District</b>	Finglas	<b>Period</b>	01.03.2017 - 31.05.2017
<b>Chief / Superintendent</b>	Lorraine Wheatley	<b>Date of JPC Meeting</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> June 2017

Reports Of	2016	2017	Change	Detection Rate 2016	Detection Rate 2017	Comments
<b>Assault Causing Harm</b>	9	10	+11%	67%	33%	7 of these Incidents involved suspects that were known to the injured party. 4 involved drugs/alcohol.
<b>Assault Minor</b>	17	31	+82%	43%	30%	14 Incidents involved suspects known to Injured party.
<b>Aggravated Burglary</b>	2	1	-50%	50%	67%	
<b>Burglary</b>	40	29	-28%	10%	7%	Burglary Response Unit and Operation Hybrid are tasked with monitoring and concentrating activity in areas where trends are evident.
<b>Criminal Damage</b>	105	73	-30%	18%	19%	
<b>Discharge of Firearm</b>	1	1	-%	0%	0%	
<b>Robbery from Person</b>	26	16	+167%	24%	29%	11 involved take away delivery drivers. Crime Prevention Officer to give advice to establishments on safety.
<b>Robbery from Establishments</b>	6	8	+33%	29%	15%	There is continued liaison with the retail sector in offering crime prevention advice.
<b>Theft from the Person</b>	9	3	-67%	19%	5%	The main target items are smart phones, cash, wallets and handbags.
<b>Theft from MPV</b>	40	34	-15%	5%	3%	
<b>Theft from Shop</b>	112	90	-32%	76%	71%	There is continued liaison with the retail sector in offering crime prevention advice. Recidivists are identified and where possible bail conditions are sought to deter further activity.
<b>Theft (Other)</b>	53	48	+12%	27%	27%	
<b>UT of Vehicle</b>	31	23	+53%	12%	5%	Efforts are being made to combat this increase, with units being deployed to particular areas and covert patrols are also in place.
<b>Fraud / Deception</b>	10	13	+30%	26%	72%	
<b>Public Order Incidents</b>	39	33	-15%	97%	91%	As a result of increased patrols, there are higher detections of this crime.

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<b>Garda Patrol Activity</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Detection Rate 2016</b>	<b>Detection Rate 2017</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>ASBO Issued</b>	0	1	0%	N/A	N/A	
<b>Possession of Firearm</b>	1	1	0%	40%	100%	This is viewed as a positive in tackling organised crime.
<b>Possession of Drugs for Sale or Supply</b>	10	14	+40%	100%	100%	An increase in large drug seizures is viewed as a positive in the community.
<b>Possession of Drugs for Personal Use</b>	82	52	-38%	99%	99%	A small decrease in searches has an impact of drugs seized for personal use.
<b>Possession of Offensive Weapon</b>	10	8	-20%	100%	94%	
<b>Searches under Drugs Act</b>	651	534	-18%	N/A	N/A	There has been a small decrease in drug searches which have impacted on the amount of drug seized.
<b>Vehicle Seizures Sec 41</b>	210	164	-18%	N/A	N/A	

<p><b>Crime Prevention Matters and Other Information</b></p>	<p>There is a number of crime prevention strategies conducted in the Finglas area.</p> <p><b>Operation Crossover</b> which maximises resources deployed to Beats and Patrols during Unit crossover times is ongoing, as well as <b>Operation Reclaim</b> Patrols targeting drug dealing in the area. There is continued liaison with resident groups, local businesses, and Finglas Safety Forums to assist in addressing issues of Anti Social Behaviour in the area.</p> <p><b>Operation Irene</b> is ongoing to tackle Public Order issues with particular emphasis on parks and open areas. There are targeted patrols by the Community Policing Unit Friday and Saturday evenings between 4pm and 2am. Finglas East will be an area of focus in the run up to Christmas, to combat anti social behaviour of youths.</p> <p>A Business watch scheme is in operation which has a targeted approach for crimes against businesses in the area.</p> <p><b>Operation Thor, Operation Creeper and Operation Hybrid</b> continues with checkpoints, surveillance and searches carried out during each tour of duty. Emphasis on high volume crime and specific criminal targets.</p> <p>There are 1 Sgts and 5 Gardaí attached to the Community policing unit in Finglas and 6 mountain bikes that are in regular use.</p> <p>There were 83 Juvenile Referrals for the Finglas District, a slight decrease of 1 in the same period last year.</p> <p>Regular inspections of licensed premises remain a priority to target underage consumption of alcohol and the illegal sale of alcohol to minors. There have been 49 Licensed Premises Inspections in the Finglas area in 2017.</p> <p>There are 2 projects in Finglas,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• F.A.N. ( Finglas Action Now ) – 2 Project workers funded by the Dept of Justice and the Local drugs Task Force, primarily working in Finglas South and West areas.</li> <li>• E.F.F.O.R.T (East Finglas for Organised Response to Youth) – 2 Project workers funded by the Dept of Justice and the Local drugs Task Force, working in the Finglas East area. E.F.F.O.R.T. was launched by Minister Ahearn in October, 2009.</li> </ul>
<p>It should be noted that in any reference to statistics, those statistics are provisional, operational, liable to change and some possibly re-classified with the introduction of Central Statistics Office reports.</p>	