## **Central Area JPC Sub-Committee Annual Work Plan 2023**

The purpose of developing this Central Area Joint Policing Sub-Committee Annual Work Plan is to enable focus on policing matters to ensure (a) Community safety (b) Quality of life issues (c) Commitment and capacity to engage with and address the needs of our diverse community/customer base.

Strategic Objective 1: Ensuring Safer Communities					
Objective	Origin	Actions	Lead Person / Agency	Updates	
Reduce level of anti-social behaviour	Gardaí identifying need for intervention.	Implement strategies     / structures to     prevent opportunities     for anti-social     behaviour	An Garda Síochána	Anti-social behaviour within the Cabra area is typically restricted to youths of school going age. Early intervention by NPU Cabra is always the first step taken to ensure a proactive and constructive approach to building relationships. Although each youth is dealt with individually, Gardaí engage with the youths as a group.  This intervention is dealt with by way of a multi-agency approach with local youth service Cabra4Youth, and the step up programme. It is a mixture between activity based and conversational sessions by all parties. This has proven extremely successful to date.  Should issues be recognised with youths who have developed issues in teenage years, Gardaí utilise the TAG programme	

Repeat offending	Restorative justice, with	An Garda Síochána	youths. This is a similar model, tailored for older youths.  Youth offenders who are referred to the
youths below the a of criminal consen			Garda Youth Diversion Programme can be included in this programme by way of Restorative Cautions. These cautions involve a meeting of the injured party and the youth offender and is chaired by a trained person. A number of Restorative Cautions have taken place and they are very successful. In addition, referrals are made to TUSLA in relation to each interaction with every young person.
Specific areas experiencing disproportionate A	Increasing presence in those areas	An Garda Síochána	Intelligence led operations have been implemented to target specific areas that experience heightened levels of Anti-Social Behaviour. This has taken the form of increased foot and vehicle patrols. In addition, there has been engagement with local stakeholders to reduce instances through environmental design. A meeting was held onsite in one particular commercial setting where Crime Prevention Advice was offered to reduce the instances of ASB.

Strategic Objective 2: Enhancing Community Engagement					
Objective	Origin	Actions	Lead Person / Agency	Updates	
Effective engagement with communities	Initiatives NPU Cabra	Retired Active People	An Garda Síochána	The RAP (Retired Active Persons) group was established in 2018 by NPU Cabra. This is a monthly meeting for retired persons to meet and attend an informative talk by a variety of guest speakers. NPU Cabra purchased ingredients for, made up and delivered Christmas hampers to members of the RAP circle.  The physical meetings have also resumed on a monthly basis. There are regularly in excess of 70 attendees.	
		Bicycle     Awareness     Campaign	An Garda Síochána	A bicycle awareness campaign was performed in St Declan's School, Cabra. Following the campaign, the school has now introduced a safety policy that no student is permitted cycle to school without wearing a helmet. During this campaign, crime prevention advice was also given, and bicycles were engraved. This initiative has since been adopted by other schools in the locality.	

Social Media     Awareness and     internet safety     and wellness.	An Garda Síochána	With internet safety day approaching, school talks are scheduled for workshops to be carried out with second level students throughout the subdistrict. Requests from schools for such workshops are increasing since the return of the school year in 2021.
Engagement with the Deaf Community	An Garda Síochána	Cabra NPU hosted a day in Finglas Garda Station for members of the Deaf Community who were employed as Sign Language Translators. This was a full day of showing arrest procedure, mock interviews and discussing the legal nuances of accurate interpretation. This was a valuable lesson for all concerned.
Community     Meetings	An Garda Síochána	Cabra NPU continue to host community meetings and engage with local community groups. This is a great opportunity to meet new residents and hear first-hand accounts of particular issues they are experiencing.
Increased     Presence	An Garda Síochána	The station party of Cabra has seen an additional 2 Sergeants and 9 Gardaí allocated to frontline policing duties. A new Patrol car has been allocated. This has led to a marked increase in visibility and a decrease in response times. It is hoped to maintain or increase this level of staffing.

## **Strategic Objective 3: Confronting Crime**

Objective	Origin	Actions	Lead Person / Agency	Updates
Crime Prevention	Follow up incidents/ Victim Engagement Initiative	Crime Prevention Advice	An Garda Síochána	Sergeant Louise McHugh has been recently appointed as Crime Prevention Officer. She will be invited to attend events with NPU Cabra, for example tool and bicycle engraving, to provide expert advice on crime prevention and methods of deterring offenders from targeting houses, vehicles and persons.
	Proactive Patrols	Increasing Presence	An Garda Síochána	Certain areas in Cabra which have seen an increase in incidents of Dangerous Driving are being targeted by Roads Policing. In addition, Operation Hybrid has been extended to ensure a checkpoint is conducted in these areas on a daily basis. This has had a deterring effect on instances and will be continued for the future.

Strategic Objective 4: Road Policing						
Objective	Origin	Actions	Lead Person / Agency	Updates		
Ensure that major events proceed with minimum disruption to business and movement within the city	K District Roads Policing Unit Garda Policing	Continue to work in partnership with OPW in relation to events within the Phoenix Park on a regular basis.	An Garda Síochána	The DMR West Roads Policing Unit creates and executes policing plans for events within the division, including regular events held in the Phoenix Park.		
		New Personnel	An Garda Síochána	DMR West Roads Policing are regularly in receipt of new members on a 10 week rotation. This is in addition to appointed full time members of the unit.		