

JPC Annual Work Plan

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
1) Reduce level of anti-social behaviour	Garda Policing Plan / Dublin City Joint Policing Committee 2015	Implement strategies / structures to prevent opportunities for anti-social behaviour	Dublin City Council An Garda Síochána	<p>Community Policing Unit attached to the U District has 12 Gardai and 2 Sergeants in total across two units. These members proactively tackle anti-social behaviour across the Mountjoy District.</p> <p>The Community Response Team has 4 Gardai. They are tasked with tackling hotspot areas as they arise. This response method allows for an area to be targeted, and when persons are identified and issues decrease, community engagement takes place, such as working with local groups.</p>

		<p>Operation Saul- Public Transport</p> <p>High Visibility Proactive Patrolling and Days of Action alongside LUAS & Irish Rail inspectors</p>		<p>The Divisional Community Policing Office continues to forward any emails regarding issues in the area so Gardaí can address same.</p> <p>Particular attention is focused on the Cabra Luas stop and its surroundings (Mount Bernard Park) targeting anti-social behaviour with both high visibility and plain clothes patrols carried out. Gardai continue to carry out joint patrols with Gardaí from the Bridewell and Cabra stations along with Transdev staff on the Luas line & stops from Broombridge to Dominick Street.</p> <p>Days of action also carried out on Dublin Bus and with Irish Rail inspectors at Drumcondra station. Four days carried out in the 3rd Quarter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16/08/2023 • 24/08/2023 • 18/09/2023 • 26/09/2023
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		<p>Operation Irene- Targeting anti-social behaviour in our public spaces.</p>		<p>Operation Irene is a summertime initiative where the warmer weather, longer evenings and school holidays can bring an increase of public order offences and anti-social behaviour, having a substantial impact on the quality of life of residents. A number of hotspots are targeted throughout the district mainly outdoor public spaces. High visibility proactive patrolling is focused on areas such as Shandon Park, the Royal Canal Bank, Blessington Basin, Mount Bernard Park etc.</p> <p>Operation Irene was on-going throughout the summer months, June, July & August.</p>
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<p>2) Reduce drug related issues affecting the community</p>	<p>Garda Policing Plan / Dublin City Joint Policing Committee 2015</p>	<p>Put operations in place to deal with issues</p>	<p>Dublin City Council An Garda Síochána</p>	<p>Outcomes of operations</p> <p>The Divisional Drugs Unit cover all 4 stations across the DMR North Central taking in the Mountjoy / Cabra Area. In Q2 2022 there was an increase of personnel in this unit, which is having a positive impact with more members available to target drug dealing across the Division. A number of search operations were put in place and a significant amount of drugs were seized from addresses in the Cabra areas. A number of individuals were arrested and prosecutions are pending. These are intelligence led operations including referrals from vigilant members of the community</p> <p>Locally the Community Response Team (CRT) target issues in the area as they become aware of</p>

				<p>same. Community Engagement members are often provided with information by residents and this is passed to CRT for action. CRT liaise with the Divisional Drugs Unit for targeted operations. For example, the issues with throw overs into the Prison from the Canal at Phibsboro. This is targeted by the team with plain clothes patrols and working closely with the Prison Authorities. The team continue to target known hotspots, such as the Basin area, and individuals.</p> <p>In the 3rd quarter there were operations targeting street dealing in the Royal Canal Bank/Blessington Basin areas and the Cabra area. These have led to a number of drugs seizures and investigations are continuing.</p>
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<p>3) Licensing / off-licence issues</p>	<p>Garda Policing Plan / Dublin City Joint Policing Committee 2015</p>	<p>Put operations in place to deal with issues arising</p> <p>Operation Irene</p> <p>Test Purchasing of Intoxicating Liquor</p>	<p>An Garda Síochána</p>	<p>Outcomes of operations</p> <p>There is a Sergeant assigned to the Liquor Licensing portfolio in addition to her normal duties. A list of premises are sent to working units to conduct inspections.</p> <p>This sergeant will oversee the licence applications and other issues in the U District.</p> <p>All licenced premises were visited prior to the start of Operation Irene to caution owners/managers on their statutory obligations on the sale of alcohol to underage drinkers.</p> <p>A number of members have now been trained in the test purchasing of intoxicating liquor where an under 18 yr old is sent to a licensed premises to buy alcohol. These test purchases will be rolled out in the 3rd Quarter.</p>

Strategic Objective 2: Enhancing Community Engagement				
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Effective engagement with communities	Garda Policing Plan / Dublin City Joint Policing Committee 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with community fora 	Dublin City Council An Garda Síochána	<p>Engage with community fora – Cabra Forum/Resident Meetings</p> <p>Gardaí attached to the Community Policing Unit attend the required meetings providing feedback and reports for those in attendance.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Watch group and resident’s association for Iona Road is meeting regularly with Gardai in attendance to address any issues that may arise. There are on-going discussions to add new streets to the neighbourhood watch scheme.</p> <p>Gardai attend the Hospital Watch meeting with the Mater Hospital on a regular basis, this forum</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen community development initiatives 	<p>allows the hospital to highlight issues they are dealing with around the Mater campus and provides Gardai with the opportunity to address the concerns of hospital management in a timely and efficient manner.</p> <p>Strengthen community development initiatives Members are involved in any projects that are brought to their attention.</p> <p>The Community Support vehicle is regularly deployed to busy areas, such as Phibsboro, Cabra shops etc. for members of the community to engage with Gardai. Gardaí will assist if any matters are brought to their attention and manpower is available.</p> <p>In September the group Dorset Street Together organised a family fun day for the local community on Synott Place. Gardai assisted with the closing of</p>
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Strategic Objective 3: Confronting Crime				
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To keep under review the levels and patterns of crime in the Cabra-Glasnevin Area.	Garda Policing Plan / Dublin City Joint Policing Committee 2015	Build on existing partnerships between Dublin City Council and An Garda Síochána in the prevention and reduction of the threat posed by crime and support the victims of crime	Dublin City Council An Garda Síochána	Approaches to addressing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic violence These calls are a priority 1 call on the CAD system to dispatch members so calls are treated with urgency. Call backs are performed within 7 days to the victim to ensure they are ok and provide advice regarding orders and support services etc. The 1 st Quarter of this year saw the introduction of a Risk Evaluation Tool (RET) used by Gardai when speaking with the victims of Domestic Violence. In the U district, these incidents are reviewed each morning at the PAF meetings and actions assigned. These incidents are also risk assessed by members in the station under the Domestic Abuse Coordinator (DAC) system.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Burglaries Burglaries are reviewed at the morning PAF meetings. Burglary scenes are examined by local forensic teams, the area will be canvassed for CCTV and statements will be taken. Investigations are monitored by the supervisor of the Garda investigating.• Victim support The Division has a Crime Victim Support office which updates victims with details of their case. Members of Community Policing are also forwarded call backs to victims of crime. This allows members to offer advice or provide contact information to their stakeholders. There are separate call back procedures for victims of Domestic Abuse.
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Strategic Objective 4: Road Policing				
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Ensure that major events proceed with minimum disruption to business and movement within the city	Garda Policing Plan / Dublin City Joint Policing Committee 2015	Continue to work in partnership in relation to the management of planned and unplanned events in the Central Area	Dublin City Council An Garda Síochána	<p>Reports on events in the Central Area and compliance with Road Safety Legislation</p> <p>A Divisional Roads Policing Unit cover the 4 stations across the Division and target all road offences as well as prevention actions such as operations and checkpoints.</p> <p>In relation to the objective of ensuring major events proceed with minimum disruption to business and movement in the city the local Events Teams at Mountjoy converse with Roads Policing Unit who will assist with traffic management on the days in question. DCC Clampers/NTA will also assist as they have in the past.</p>