

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>The Community Policing Unit attached to the U District has 14 Gardaí and 3 Sergeants in total across four units. These members proactively tackle anti-social behaviour across the Mountjoy District. 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>The Divisional Community Policing Office continues</p>

		<p>Operation Saul- Public Transport</p> <p>High Visibility Proactive Patrolling and Days of Action alongside LUAS & Irish Rail inspectors</p>	<p>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. Gardaí 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 are also carried out on Dublin Bus and with Irish Rail inspectors at Drumcondra station. There were three days carried out in the 4th Quarter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27th October • 28th October • 16th November
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		<p>Operation Tombola- To counter anti-social behaviour over the Halloween Season</p>		<p>Halloween –Operation Tombola -Throughout the lead up to Halloween a concerted effort was made to ensure stockpiling was reported and moved and a good working relationship with DCC was essential. Residents and Business owners also played their part making reports to local Community Gardaí. Contact details for the Litter Hotline were provided to residents also if they wish to report illegal dumping in their areas.</p> <p>A particular focus was put on Dublin Industrial Estate to eliminate as much available bonfire material. A good working relationship was built with both DCC and the businesses in the industrial estate.</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 Policing Team target issues in the area as they become aware of same.</p>

				<p>Community Engagement members are often provided with information by residents and this is passed to 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, Cabra and individuals.</p> <p>In the 4th Quarter the effect of displacement was felt after the Dorset street flats complex was closed. This saw an increase in drugs activity on Western Way, Blessington Basin and the Hardwicke Street flats complex. Patrols and operations are on-going to tackle this activity.</p>
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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>Gardaí 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>
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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	<p>Approaches to addressing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic violence <p>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 1st 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.</p>

				<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				
Objective	Origin	Actions	Lead Person / Agency	Updates
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>