

To the Lord Mayor and
Members of Dublin City Council



Report No. 131/2024
Report of the Chairperson of the
Dublin City Joint Policing Committee

Annual Report of the Joint Policing Committees 2023

Section 36 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 originally provided for the establishment in 2006 of Joint Policing Committees (JPCs) in each Local Authority and corresponding guidelines for their operation. In Dublin City, this consisted of both a Citywide Joint Policing Committee and five Area Subcommittees corresponding with the five operational areas of the City Council.

With effect from April 2016, responsibility for issuing guidelines in respect of Joint Policing Committees fell under the remit of the Policing Authority, which was established in 2016 to oversee the performance of An Garda Síochána in relation to policing services in Ireland. New Guidelines were published in Autumn 2022. The Authority's representatives continued to attend JPC meetings during 2023.

The main purpose of the Joint Policing Committees is to provide a forum whereby a Local Authority and Senior Garda personnel, with participation from Local Authority members, Oireachtas members and community/business interests, can discuss and make recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the area.

The Local Community Safety Partnership Model (LCSP) will replace the Joint Policing Committee model later in 2024, following the recent passing of the Community & Safety Bill. A Pilot LCSP has been in operation in Dublin's North Inner City for two years.

A Strategy Document was originally prepared for the Council term 2019-2024, with the objective of having each of the 6 Joint Policing Committees focus primarily on 3 key issues for the duration, as outlined below.

Three high priority issues for Dublin City six-year (2019-2024) Strategic Plan:

1. Community Safety / Confidence-building
2. Antisocial Behaviour – Housing Estates
3. Street Crime

The Joint Policing Committee is required to submit a report to the City Council annually on the performance of its functions during the preceding year, which is set out hereunder.

Councillor Tara Deacy
Chairperson

Dublin City Joint Policing Committee

Update on meetings held during 2023

Strategic Objectives	Origin	Summary of Actions	Lead Person/Agency	Timescale for action	Action taken
1. Community Safety	<p>Department of Justice Guidelines</p> <p>Dublin City JPC: Approved process (February 2015) for development of Dublin City 6-year Strategic Work Plans (2015-2021, and extended to 2024)</p> <p><u>High Priority Issues:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Safety / confidence-building 2. Antisocial Behaviour / Housing estates 3. Street crime 	Drugs Misuse	<p>Frank d'Arcy, A/Assistant Chief Executive</p> <p>Angela Willis, Asst. Garda Commissioner (AGS)</p> <p>City Joint Policing Committee Chair: Councillor Tara Deacy</p>	<p>Strategic priorities identified – February 2015</p> <p>Annual work plans for six JPC Committees established – February 2015</p>	<p><u>Dublin City Joint Policing Committee (JPC)</u></p> <p>These meetings take place every 2 months. The membership comprises the Lord Mayor, Elected Members, Oireachtas Members, An Garda Síochána, Council Officials and Community / Business representatives.</p> <p>Standard reports are provided by An Garda Síochána (AGS) and Dublin City Council (DCC) to each meeting, in addition to presentations and reports from other agencies, as requested/considered relevant.</p> <p>The Joint Policing structure has been under review by the Department of Justice and 3 Pilot Local Community Safety Partnerships (LCSP's) have been operating nationwide for the last 2 years, including one in Dublin's North Inner City. Legislation was recently passed paving the way for the rollout of LCSP's across all Local Authorities in 2024.</p> <p><u>Other issues discussed at JPC meetings include:</u> See below for list of presentations/reports delivered during 2023.</p> <p><u>High Level Group on Street Issues (HLG)</u> This group met monthly until mid-2023. Its membership comprised representatives from Dublin City Council (DCC), An Garda Síochána (AGS), Health Service Executive (HSE) and Ana Liffey Drug Project (ALDP). The focus was on issues affecting the city centre such as drugs, drug-dealing, street drinking, antisocial behaviour etc. Plans are now in place for a new City Centre focus group to replace this.</p>
2. Anti-social Behaviour		Address street crime/ issues	<p>High Level Group – Members comprise Dublin City Council officials, An Garda Síochána and Health Service Executive (HSE). Representatives from the Ana Liffey Drug Project attend as and when requested.</p>		<p><u>Dublin City Centre Business Forum (DCCBF)</u></p> <p>This Forum's membership comprises the Lord Mayor, Dublin City Council, An Garda Síochána, and representatives from 9 Business Groups in the city. It is chaired by a retired Assistant Garda Commissioner and meets every two months. The Forum addresses challenges faced by the Business Community, such as antisocial behaviour, begging, traffic issues etc. It provided additional support to Businesses during Covid to assist them in addressing challenges posed by the Pandemic and devise appropriate solutions.</p> <p><u>Dublin City JPC:</u> As above</p> <p><u>High Level Group on Street Issues:</u> As above</p>

						MSIF: It is anticipated that the Medically Supervised Injecting Facility (MSIF) will open later in 2024
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Presentations / Reports / Updates to Dublin City Joint Policing Committee in 2023

- Report of Assistant Garda Commissioner (to each meeting)
- Report of A/Assistant Chief Executive, DCC (to each meeting)
- Annual Work Plan 2023
- Bristol Model: Presentation on Bristol City’s city-wide harm-reduction approach to drugs and alcohol
- Policing Authority – Overview provided on new JPC Guidelines by Helen Hall, Chief Executive
- Citizens’ Assembly on Drug Use – Update
- Drug Related Intimidation (DRI) – Presentation from Garda National Drugs & Organised Crime Bureau
- Antisocial Behaviour in city centre
- Estate Management Strategy – Overview of strategy given by Dublin City Council
- Garda Rosters
- City Centre Focus Group – Update

Dublin City Joint Policing Committee Membership

- Councillors: Lord Mayor Daithí De Róiste, Councillors Tara Deacy (Chairperson), Mannix Flynn (Vice-chair), Caroline Conroy, Janet Horner, Danny Byrne, Ray McAdam, Dermot Lacey, Joe Costello, Daithí Doolan, Larry O’Toole, Deirdre Heney, Deborah Byrne and 1 Vacancy
- Oireachtas members: All T.D.’s and Senators for the Dublin City Council administrative area
- Community / Business Representatives: Tony Duffin (Ana Liffey Drug Project, ALDP), Joe Donohoe (Fatima Groups United Family Resource Centre), Alan Morrissey/Theresa Kelly (Edenmore Residents), Stephen Browne (Dublin Chamber of Commerce), Richard Guiney (Dublin City BID CLG T/A Dublin Town) & Adrian Cummins (Restaurants Association of Ireland)
- Dublin City Council: Frank d’Arcy, Executive Manager
- Garda Officials – Assistant Commissioner Angela Willis & Chief Superintendent Patrick McMEnamin

Number of meetings held during 2023 and dates

6 meetings took place in 2023 as follows: 30th 27th March, 29th May, 24th July, 29th September and 27th November
The meetings in January and March were held via Zoom; Hybrid meetings were introduced with effect from the May meeting.

South East Area JPC Annual Work Plan – 2023

Update on meetings held during 2023

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1. Community Safety/Confidence Building	<p>Department of Justice Guidelines</p> <p>Dublin City JPC: Approved process (February 2015) for development of Dublin City 6-year Strategic Work Plans (2015-2021)</p> <p><u>High Priority Issues:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Safety / confidence-building 2. Antisocial Behaviour / Housing estates 3. Street crime <p>Annual Work Plans (Action Matters for South East Area JPC listed to the left)</p>	Community Safety/Confidence Building	<p>Director of Services: Karl Mitchell</p> <p>Area Manager: Brian Hanney</p> <p>Garda Representatives: Chief Superintendent Majella Armstrong, DMR South and Chief Superintendent Tony O'Donnell, DMR South Central</p> <p>Chair: Councillor Claire O'Connor</p> <p>Vice-Chair: Councillor Tara Deacy</p>	Annual work plans for six JPC Committees established February 2019	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">An Garda Síochána and Dublin City Council worked to develop ways of local collaboration to reduce incidents of Bike Theft</div> <p>Staff at PEMS (Property) offices across the Division continued efforts to return all seized and recovered bikes to their rightful owners through the use of the Pulse database.</p> <p>Pictures of stolen & found bikes were put on the Garda Síochána Facebook page to gather information and return the bicycle to its rightful owner, when no personal engraving was found.</p> <p>Property Marking was promoted to assist in detecting and returning property in these incidents.</p> <p>Bike safety engraving days were held in 2023.</p> <p>A large 'Blue Bike' initiative took place in March in UCD and College Green.</p> <p>As part of National Bike week on 21st May Community Guards from Irishtown & Donnybrook supported the Sandymount Cycle Bus group in running a fun cycle to promote cycling as a fun & practical way to travel. Pearse Street Community Policing took part in Cyclepalooza which was attended by 300 cyclists. Bike safety leaflets were given out at both.</p> <p>Community Gardaí continued to liaise closely with local schools to educate students about bike safety and road safety.</p> <p>High visibility patrols were conducted at schools in September alongside 'vision zero', media liaison and social media platforms utilised. Hi- Vis vests given to parents and children walking to school.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Continued to implement bye-laws and existing legislation to combat drinking on open spaces and in public places</div> <p>There was regular engagement with all local businesses and licensees across the South East Area, to ensure compliance with the Intoxicating Liquor Act and also that potential fines are outlined for selling alcohol to underage and/or drunk individuals.</p> <p>Test Purchasing operations were carried out periodically to ensure Licence Holders were not selling drink to minors.</p> <p>A large test purchasing operation took place on 10th March in the Kevin Street CE Area which resulted in a number of detections.</p> <p>In April Gardaí from the Divisional Drugs Unit attended Gonzaga College to present an information talk on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.</p> <p>Operation Irene a policing plan to address with an increased impetus the issues of underage drinking/ drinking in public places/anti-social behavior was in operation during the summer months.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Create an awareness amongst the citizens of the South East Area of Crime Prevention and Community Safety Initiatives</div> <p>The Burglary Response Unit and the Community Policing Unit received new members in Q1.</p> <p>Operation Thor continued to be in operation. All burglaries reported are subject to Technical Examination. Crime Prevention advice is given to victims.</p> <p>The Burglary Response Unit continued to tackle offenders. Community Policing members continued to deliver safety information to residents & stakeholders within their individual CPA's.</p> <p>In May Pearse Street Community Gardaí gave a business safety talk to businesses on Sir John Rogerson's Quay. In July, Pearse Street Community Gardaí gave a safety talk to security staff at Capital Dock which included crime prevention advice.</p>

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3	Antisocial Behaviour / Housing estates		Antisocial Behaviour / Housing estates		<div data-bbox="1293 1886 1937 1965" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <p>Estate Management Statistics in relation to anti-social behaviour complaints in Dublin City Council complexes</p> </div> <p>Complaints received and dealt with by South East Area Housing staff, in 2023 :</p> <p>South East Inner City/Pembroke Wards: Q2, Q3 & Q4 only Anti-Social Complaints , 1997 Act : 21 Drug-related - . 44 Not drug-related - . Other Complaints (Nuisance) 129 – 11 Interviews were held.</p> <p>Kimmage/Rathmines Ward: Q1, Q2, Q3 & Q4 Anti-Social Complaints, 1997 Act : 6 Drug-related 50 Not drug-related - . Other Complaints (Nuisance) 81. 51 Interviews were held.</p> <p><i>It should be noted that the complete number of complaints dealt with by SEIC Housing Managers, PEOS and Staff in person or by phone have not been captured in these statistics and so is not fully representative of the work being done.</i></p>

2.	Street Crime		Street Crime		<div data-bbox="1283 216 1964 323" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Continued to target the organised crime groups harming communities through violence and the sale and supply of drugs</p> </div> <p>Community Policing members & Operation Citizen, with the assistance of the Divisional Drugs Unit, continue to target the sale & supply in the Pearse Street CE Area, specifically within the environs of Pearse House & Mercer House, throughout 2023. A stakeholder meeting took place in Pearse House in May regarding developing a plan to address ongoing anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>On the 21st of August, Pearse Street Community Policing received confidential information which resulted in the seizure of €15,000 worth of drugs from the common area of the complex.</p> <p>Regular meetings were held in DMR South with DCC and Community Representatives with information being exchanged in an attempt to target emerging threats and challenges.</p> <p>The local Garda Drugs Unit continue to actively target drug dealing from street level to those involved in the wholesale distribution of the drugs that end up being sold locally. The Unit</p> <div data-bbox="1299 1052 1978 1138" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Continue to enforce the Criminal Justice Public Order Act 2011 (Begging Legislation) to combat begging in the area</p> </div> <p>has enjoyed considerable success in that respect.</p> <p>The enforcement of the legislation where applicable continued, with prosecutions through the District Court.</p> <p>Gardaí engage with beggars and discourage their activity and utilise the Public Order Act where required, those who fail to comply with directions are arrested.</p> <p>Gardaí continued to conduct proactive patrols in relation to this activity.</p> <p>Community Policing members and Operation Citizen members attached to Pearse Street continued to concentrate on the problem areas, namely George's Street, Lower Baggot Street, Main Street Ranelagh, Sandymount Village, Grafton St. etc.</p> <p>Operation around beggars operating on Lower Rathmines Road is ongoing</p> <p>Camden Street has been noted as having an increase in the reports of aggressive begging taking place. Operation Citizen & the CRT (Kevin Street) initiated a joint operation to rectify</p> <div data-bbox="1283 1956 1964 2057" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Create safer and more peaceful local communities by working together to promote public order and reduce anti-social behaviour in the South East Area.</p> </div> <p>this issue.</p> <p>There was ongoing liaison with Dublin City Council, An Garda Síochána and all stakeholders in an effort to reduce anti-social behaviour in parks.</p> <p>In May the Community Policing Unit Sergeant and the Divisional Crime Prevention Sergeant met local stakeholders and Dublin City Council at Eamonn Ceannt Park. This will feed into ongoing policing plans in terms of prevention and detection of anti-social behaviour and crime in the park.</p> <p>Community Gardaí worked in collaboration with Lourdes Celtic Football Club and Crumlin GAA Club to address concerns around anti-social behaviour and increase positive use of the facilities by the local community.</p> <p>Operations conducted with the dog wardens in local parks in Crumlin</p> <p>Challenges included the increase of incidents between rival groups in the Pearse Street area v the Store Street Area. A comprehensive Policing Plan for the Creighton St/City Quay area is in force to deal with this specifically</p>
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					<p>Identify individual “hot spots” including laneways in the area in the context of anti- social behaviour</p> <p>As hotspots were identified, pro-active patrols were conducted on a daily basis by Community Policing / Regular and Plainclothes Units. These identified hotspots were continually reviewed through the PAF framework and through organisational Pulse ID’s, i.e., THOR, CRT, IRENE, CITIZEN. SOTERIA etc.</p> <p>Gardaí were in regular contact with other stakeholders to identify areas of concern and hotspots.</p> <p>Park Patrols were conducted on a daily basis by the Community Policing Unit in Crumlin targeting anti-social behaviour & to capture breeches of Liquor Licensing Laws.</p> <p>All Community Gardaí & core unit members regularly patrol parks in the area including Merrion Square, Ringsend Park and St Stephens Green to capture breeches of liquor licensing law and DCC By- Laws/ anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Pearse Street Gardaí have partaken in numerous operations in the Grand Canal Basin targeting anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>A Community Response Unit has been activated and assigned on a full time basis to targeting anti-social behaviour in the areas policed by Crumlin, Sundrive Road, Terenure and Rathmines Garda Station.</p> <p>GSAS utilised to complete heat maps and other data driven operations and “Days of Action” are implemented to target known offenders and searches are conducted for stolen property and the execution of warrants</p> <p>Local Garda management continued to engage with stakeholders (including a property owner, community representatives and Dublin City Council) via the Building Community Resilience Project.</p> <p>Operation High Visibility uniform Gardaí patrolling parks and open spaces.</p> <p>There is ongoing engagement with key stakeholders in the Division, in a joint approach to a successful reduction in anti-social & criminal behaviour.</p> <p>The Public Order Act was enforced to direct persons away from an area and breaches are dealt with by way of Cautions (Adult/JLO or court appearances).</p> <p>Bail monitoring and revocation applications by the Court Order Enforcement Unit.</p>
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Community Safety/Confidence Building (continued)

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.

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.

Garda Station / (Sub)District	Terenure District		Period	01.01.23-26.11.23	
Chief / Superintendent	DMR South		Date of JPC Meeting	7 th December 2023	
	2022	2023	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2022*	Detection Rate 2023*
Assault Causing Harm	28	34	21%	14	16
Assault Minor	40	60	50%	14	13
Aggravated Burglary	1	0	-100%	0	0
Burglary (Not aggravated)	109	127	17%	28	16
Criminal Damage	226	161	-29%	38	27

	2022	2023	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2022*	Detection Rate 2023*
Discharge of Firearm	0	0	-	0	0
Robbery from Person	5	12	140%	3	4
Robbery from Establishments	3	9	200%	3	6
Theft from the Person	8	27	238%	2	4
Theft from MPV	158	148	-6%	11	9
Theft from Shop	416	486	17%	168	179
Theft (Other)	136	140	3%	20	15
Theft/UT of Vehicle	30	73	143%	4	6
Theft/UT of pedal cycle	156	198	27%	6	4
Fraud / Deception	155	124	-20%	10	18
Public Order Incidents (including drunkenness offences & trespassing)	225	219	-2%	174	150
Garda Patrol Activity	2022	2023	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2022*	Detection Rate 2023*
ASBO Issued	0	0	-	0	0
Possession of Firearm	0	2	200%	2	1
Possession of Drugs for Sale or Supply	23	14	-39%	20	14
Possession of Drugs for Personal Use	179	84	-53%	170	86
Possession of Offensive Weapon	12	12	0%	9	13
Searches under Drugs Act	651	339	-48%	0	0
Searches under Warrant	46	41	11%	0	0
Vehicle Seizures Sec 41	207	209	0.9%	0	0
Driving intoxicated alcohol	47	22	72%	0	0
Driving intoxicated drugs	17	21	21%	0	0
Traffic collision fatal	1	0	-100%	0	0

*Detection Rates given are a yearly figure

Garda Station / (Sub)District	Crumlin District	Period	01.01.23-26.11.23
Chief / Superintendent	DMR South	Date of JPC Meeting	7 th December 2023

	2022	2023	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2022*	Detection Rate 2023*
Assault Causing Harm	60	63	5%	44	17
Assault Minor	86	75	-13%	30	26
Aggravated Burglary	1	5	0%	0	0
Burglary (Not aggravated)	127	105	-17%	17	25
Criminal Damage	221	347	64%	61	62
Discharge of Firearm	1	1	0%	0	1
Robbery from Person	5	12	140%	1	4
Robbery from Establishments	6	13	117%	4	4

	2022	2023	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2022*	Detection Rate 2023*
Theft from the Person	8	9	13%	3	1
Theft from MPV	83	81	-2%	5	10
Theft from Shop	295	367	245	139	168
Theft (Other)	113	102	-10%	23	28
Theft/UT of Vehicle	72	64	-11%	10	8
Theft/UT of pedal cycle	63	52	-17%	6	6
Fraud / Deception	152	147	-3%	19	28
Public Order Incidents (including drunkenness offences & trespassing)	282	220	25%	228	199
Garda Patrol Activity	2022	2023	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2022*	Detection Rate 2023*
ASBO Issued	0	0	-	0	0
Possession of Firearm	1	3	200%	0	1
Possession of Drugs for Sale or Supply	67	84	25%	76	78
Possession of Drugs for Personal Use	118	93	-21%	168	84
Possession of Offensive Weapon	30	42	40%	29	37
Searches under Drugs Act	1269	1313	3%	0	0
Searches under Warrant	146	167	13%	0	0
Vehicle Seizures Sec 41	653	475	-31%	0	0
Driving intoxicated alcohol	18	42	80%	0	0
Driving intoxicated drugs	22	37	51%	0	0
Traffic collision fatal	0	1	100%	0	0
	2022	2023	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2022*	Detection Rate 2023*
Murder/Manslaughter	0	0	-	0	0
Hate Crime Offences	15	10	-40%	-	-
Sexual Offences	32	29	-9%	3	9
Domestic Violence	2022	2023	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2022*	Detection Rate 2023*
Child Neglect & Cruelty	1	3	300%	0	0
Domestic Violence Incidents – No Offence Disclosed	385	378	-	0	0
Breach of Domestic Violence Orders~	84	74	-13%	-	-
~	2022	2023	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2022*	Detection Rate 2023*
Murder/Manslaughter	0	0	-	0	0
Hate Crime Offences	3	7	80%	0	0
Sexual Offences	37	35	-5%	27	8
Domestic Violence	2022	2023	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2022*	Detection Rate 2023*

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Child Neglect & Cruelty	0	2	200%	0	0
Domestic Violence Incidents – No Offence Disclosed	139	123	-	0	0
Breach of Domestic Violence Orders~	22	33	40%	-	-

~ Domestic Violence Orders Include Barring Orders, Safety Orders and Protection Orders

- denotes previous period as zero: Percentage cannot be calculated.

Garda Station / (Sub)District	Pearse Street & Donnybrook	Period	1 st Jan – 3 rd December 2023
Chief / Superintendent	Anthony O'Donnell	Date of JPC Meeting	7 th December 2023

	2022	2023	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2022	Detection Rate 2023
Assault Causing Harm	305	225	-26%	66	67
Assault Minor	486	490	+1%	72	73
Aggravated Burglary	5	0	-100%	3	0
Burglary (Not aggravated)	469	507	+8%	164	175
Criminal Damage	548	620	+13%	178	110
Discharge of Firearm	3	1	-67%	1	0
Robbery from Person	184	208	+13%	47	48
Robbery from Establishments	32	53	+66%	15	21
Theft from the Person	862	1,158	+34%	74	80
Theft from MPV	301	382	+27%	23	27
Theft from Shop	1,783	1,666	-7%	961	889
Theft (Other)	1,271	1,445	+14%	151	124
Theft/UT of Vehicle	141	190	+35%	16	12
Theft/UT of pedal cycle	689	671	-3%	49	52
Fraud / Deception	578	455	-21%	66	65
Public Order Incidents (including drunkenness offences & trespassing)	1,948	1,522	-22%	1,783	1,345
Garda Patrol Activity	2022	2023	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2022	Detection Rate 2023
ASBO Issued	0 (2 Behavioural Warnings Issued)	0 (1 Behavioural Warning Issued)	-	-	-
Possession of Firearm	3	5	+67%	2	1
Possession of Drugs for Sale or Supply	150	240	+60%	155	228
Possession of Drugs for Personal Use	150	149	-1%	161	96
Possession of Offensive Weapon	187	185	-1%	178	176
Searches under Drugs Act	1,591	1,650	+4%	-	-

	2022	2023	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2022	Detection Rate 2023
Searches under Warrant	144	144	+0%	-	-
Vehicle Seizures Sec 41	633	544	-14%	-	-
Driving intoxicated alcohol	90	74	-18%	83	66
Driving intoxicated drugs	15	16	+7%	-	-
Traffic collision fatal	0	0	-	-	-
	2022	2023	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2022	Detection Rate 2023
Murder/Manslaughter	0	1 Manslaughter – 2 suspects arrested – file to DPP	-	0	0
Hate Crime Offences	45	41	-9%	-	-
Sexual Offences	109	102	-6%	13	16
Domestic Violence	2022	2023	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2022	Detection Rate 2023
Child Neglect & Cruelty	6	0	-100%	-	-
Domestic Violence Incidents – No Offence Disclosed	258	287	+11%	-	-
Breach of Domestic Violence Orders~	51	37	-27%	-	-

~ Domestic Violence Orders Include Barring Orders, Safety Orders and Protection Orders
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South East Area Joint Policing Subcommittee Membership

- Councillors: Claire O'Connor (Chairperson), Tara Deacy (Vice-chair), Claire Byrne , Danny Byrne, Daniel Céitinn , Hazel Chu, Deirdre Conroy, Kevin Donoghue, Pat Dunne, Anne Feeney, Fiona Connolly, Mannix Flynn, James Geoghegan, Dermot Lacey, Paddy McCartan , Carolyn Moore
- Oireachtas Members: Chris Andrews T.D., Ivana Bacik T.D., Jim O Callaghan T.D., Min. Eamon Ryan T.D.,
- Community / Business Representatives: Hugh Gillanders, Michael Noel Harte, Keri Goodliffe, Eddie McGuinness, Terry McElvaney.
- Dublin City Council: Karl Mitchell (Director of Services) and Brian Hanney (Area Manager)
- Garda Officials: Chief Superintendents Tony O'Donnell and Majella Armstrong

Number of meetings held during 2023 and dates

4 JPC meetings were held via Zoom as follows: 30th March, 22nd June, 28th September and 7th December 2023. 4 Steering Committee meetings were held on 9th March, 11th June, 7th September and 24th November 2023
Cllr Claire O'Connor, Chairperson. Cllr Tara Deacy, Vice-chairperson

JPC Annual Work Plan – Cabra/Glasnevin Area – 2023

Update on meetings held in 2023

Strategic Objectives	Origin	Summary of Actions	Lead Person/Agency	Timescales	Action Taken
1. Community Safety	Dublin City Joint Policing Committee 2015 – 2021	Community Engagement	Area Manager: Lorraine Brogan (DCC) Director of Services: Karl Mitchell Chief Superintendent Patrick McMenamin (Gardaí) Superintendent Jonathon O'Brien (Gardaí)	Quarterly Garda Work Plans for the Bridewell, Cabra, Mountjoy and Santry Garda Stations.	Building confidence between Gardaí and Local Youths. Improvements of Public lighting by DCC in areas where concerns for public safety have been raised. Urban95 presentation delivered by Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll.
2. Anti-social Behaviour		Gangs of Youths	Superintendent Peter Burke (Gardaí) Superintendent Cormac Brennan Inspector Fiontann Corcoran (Gardaí) Inspector Amanda Flood (Gardaí) Inspector Kieran Farrelly (Gardaí)	Quarterly Garda Work Plans for the Bridewell, Cabra, Mountjoy and Santry Garda Stations.	Increase in staffing of community teams within the four Garda Stations of the area leading to increase in foot fall. Gangs of youths noted around the area, particularly with scooters.
3. Street Crime/Issues		Halloween	Inspector Ruth Wall (Gardaí) Sergeant John L'Estrange (Gardaí) Sergeant Stephen Donnelly (Gardaí) Sergeant Darren Coller (Gardaí) Sergeant Aidan Monahan (Gardaí) Sarah Middleton – Executive Officer (Gardaí) Chair: Councillor Cieran Perry	Quarterly Garda Work Plans for the Bridewell, Cabra, Mountjoy and Santry Garda Stations.	Halloween – DCC and Gardaí co-ordinate for Bonfire Material collection in the lead up to the day. DCC Community Events ran throughout the area to engage with age groups who would tend to attend bonfires. DCC created a response team to monitor the area in the build-up to arrange collection of any materials that may be used. DCC engagement with business' of Industrial Estates to ensure securing of materials to avoid collection. Dorset St. flats boarded up to avoid loitering within the de-tenanted areas.

Cabra/Glasnevin Joint Policing Subcommittee Membership

- Councillors: Cieran Perry, Seamas McGrattan, Cat O'Driscoll, Darcy Lonergan, Eimer McCormack, Colm O'Rourke and Declan Meenagh
- Oireachtas Members: Senator Mary Fitzpatrick, Senator Emer Currie, Senator Marie Sherlock
- Garda Officials: Chief Superintendent Patrick McMenamin, Superintendents Jonathon O'Brien and Cormac Brennan, Inspectors Fiontann Corcoran, Amanda Flood, Kieran Farrelly and Ruth Wall, Sergeants John L'Estrange, Stephen Donnelly, Darren Coller and Aidan Monahan, Sarah Middleton, Executive Officer
- Business & Community representatives: Colm Dunleavy (Navan Road Community Council), Seamus Etherson (Business Rep, Cabra Road Shops), Niall Counihan (Cabra Policing Forum), John Bennett (Finglas/Cabra Drugs Task Force), Dorothy Prendergast (Community Rep) and David Gough (Community Rep)

Number of meetings held during 2023 and dates

4 meetings took place as follows: January 23rd, April 25th, July 25th and October 24th

Public Meetings / Policing / Drugs Fora meetings etc.

Navan Road/Pelletestown Community Policing Forum - Issues are broad based and include anti-social behaviour issues, traffic and road-safety related issues, park issues, crime prevention advice and issues relating to graffiti removal etc.; meeting held 8th June 2023 (due to operational changes within the area)

North Central Area JPC Annual Report - 2023

Update on meetings held during 2023

Strategic Objectives	Origin	Summary of Actions	Lead Person/Agency	Timescale for action	Action taken
1. Community safety / Confidence building	Department of Justice Guidelines Dublin City JPC: Approved process (February 2015) for development of Dublin City 6-year Strategic Work Plans (2015-2021) <u>High Priority Issues:</u> 1. Community Safety / confidence-building 2. Antisocial Behaviour / Housing estates 3. Street crime Annual Work Plans	Policing / Crime data	Acting Director of Services (DCC): Bruce Philips Gardaí: Chief Superintendent Peter Duff, Superintendent Ronan Barry, Superintendent Darren McCarthy, Superintendent John Grace. Chair: Councillor Tom Brabazon	Annual work plans for six JPC Committees established – February 2015	Improvements in Garda numbers on Community Policing units. Task force set up to deal with sustained ASB in Darndale. Presentations given by Juvenile Unit, Economic Crime & Fraud, Drug Related Intimidation & Community Policing Unit. Garda Clinic operating one day a week in Darndale, Clongriffin, Edenmore & Santry/Whitehall. Darndale Implementation Oversight Group continues to operate. All Senior Officials from agencies attend, making improvements steadily and building community confidence.
2. Antisocial Behaviour – Housing Estates		Business night-time economy			Gardaí dealing with mixture of joy riding and scramblers in Darndale; helicopter monitoring where the scramblers end up for future action; Garda van in Darndale is making a difference. Drug dealing continues in certain parts of Darndale, DCC & Gardaí tackling. Late night football continues for 10-16 year olds on a Friday evening to keep them out of trouble. HSE outreach workers operating in Darndale linking in with drug related gangs/youths. CDYSB outreach workers operating in Darndale, Kilmore & Clongriffin/Belmayne
3. Street Crime		Graffiti / dumping			Plan developed to tackle the illegal dump in Darndale. An Garda Síochána trained and given powers to deal with illegal dumping etc. Rubbish from dump to be removed. Festival and firework displays in numerous area reduced the number of bonfires and instances of criminal activity and antisocial behaviour.

North Central Area Joint Policing Subcommittee membership

- Councillors: Tom Brabazon, Declan Flanagan, Alison Gilliland, Deirdre Heney, Jane Horgan-Jones, Mícheál MacDonncha, Damien O'Farrell, Naoise Ó Muirí, Larry O'Toole, John Lyons, Racheal Batten, Patricia Roe, Daryl Barron, Terence Flanagan, Dearbhail Butler, Donna Cooney and Catherine Stocker
- Oireachtas members: Denise Mitchell T.D, Sean Haughey T.D, Richard Bruton T.D, Cian O'Callaghan T.D and Aodhan Riordain T.D.
- An Garda Síochána: Chief Superintendent Peter Duff, Superintendent Ronan Barry, Superintendent Darren McCarthy, Superintendent John Grace
- Business & Community representatives: Jacinta Carson, Rose Wall, Nicko Murphy and Con Clarke

Number of meetings held during 2023 and dates

4 meetings held in 2023 as follows: 16th January, 17th April, 17th July and 16th October

Public Meetings / Policing / Drugs Fora meetings etc.

The Belmayne/Clongriffin, Edenmore, Donaghmede Darndale & Kilmore Safety Forum re-opened in early 2022 after Covid and continues to meet on a regular basis.

Meetings of the Darndale Implementation Oversight Group

These took place once a month from January to December online, with the exception of one in-person meeting in December.

These were attended by DCC, An Garda Síochána (AGS), Health Service Executive (HSE), Northside Partnership, Department of Justice, CDYSB, CDETE among other groups/agencies.

South Central Area JPC Annual Work Plan – 2023

Update on meetings held during 2023

Strategic Objectives	Origin	Summary of Actions	Lead Person/Agency	Timescale for action	Action taken				
1. Community safety / Confidence building	Department of Justice Guidelines Dublin City JPC: Approved process (February 2015) for development of Dublin City 6-year Strategic Work Plans (2015-2021) <u>High Priority Issues:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Community Safety / confidence-building 5. Antisocial Behaviour / Housing estates 6. Street crime 	Restorative Justice	A/Executive Manager: Bruce Phillips Garda Reps: Chief Superintendent Tony O'Donnell, Chief Superintendent Finbarr Murphy up to and including April 2023 meeting, then Chief Superintendent Michael McNulty from July 2023 and Chief Superintendent Peter Duff up to and including April 2023 meeting, then Chief Superintendent Magella Armstrong from July 2023. Chair: Councillor Daithí Doolan	Annual work plans for six JPC Committees established – February 2015	<p><u>Building Community Resilience</u> Meetings occur monthly in Inchicore and Oliver Bond with representatives from BCR, DCC, Local Schools and other stakeholders.</p> <p>In preparation for the National roll out of local Community Safety Partnerships a survey of the local Community Safety Forum Committees was carried out in Q1 2023.</p> <p><u>Local Drug and Alcohol Task Forces</u> Presentation on DRIVE Project (Drug Related Intimidation and Violence Engagement) given at the February 13th Meeting.</p> <p>www.driveproject.ie website under construction in 2023. Information will be fed through the DRIVE Liaison Network. An awareness campaign also planned. Training will be rolled out.</p> <p>The LDATF conference was held on the 28th May 2023 to showcase the work of task forces across Dublin and to support the work into the further. See link for a summary of the event. https://youtu.be/y_V-ZtRNOH4</p> <p>Nitrous Oxide – Local campaigns were run in Dublin 12 and Ballyfermot focusing on the roll parents can play, positive dialogue and access to youth services. A national campaign is being run by the Social Inclusion Unit.</p> <p>Cocaine Harm Reduction and Intervention Service (CHRIS) - This is a new service funded through the recent tranche of HSE funding, the Community Service Enhancement Fund. CHRIS provides additional out of hours outreach services.</p> <p>Recovery Month – A way of showing that recovery is possible. A number of events were held across the community.</p> <p>The Community Alcohol Detox Project Manual was launched https://makethechange.ie/. A range of complementary materials, learning workshops and information videos are being designed.</p> <p><u>An Garda Síochána</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garda updates and stats were provided at all 4 meetings in 2023. • Significant increase in protests in 2023. No legislation for exclusion zones. An Garda Síochána are mandated to police protests and their objective is to preserve the peace and have the protest pass off safely. • A Presentation on the SARA Problem Solving Method was given by Sergeant Sean O'Sullivan, Crime Prevention Officer, AGS Kevin Street at the October 23rd Meeting. • 6 new Garda mountain bikes in place in Ballyfermot. • Neighbourhood Watch Scheme set up for Park West. AGS continue to support all Neighbourhood Watch Schemes. 				
2. Antisocial Behaviour – Housing Estates		Estate Management			<p>Quarterly Estate Management Statistics for the Ballyfermot and South West Inner City areas were provided at all 4 meetings in 2023.</p> <p>Drugs Task Force Meetings 2023</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Name</th> <th style="text-align: left;">No. of</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name	No. of		
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3.	Street Crime		Parks security / Bye-laws			<p>Throughout 2023 An Garda Síochána carried out regular patrols of parks within the South Central Area.</p> <p>There is ongoing liaison between DCC, An Garda Síochána and stakeholders in an effort to reduce anti-social behaviour in parks.</p>															

Dublin South Central Area Joint Policing Subcommittee membership

- Councillors: Daithi Doolan, (Chairperson), Daithí De Róiste, Máire Devine, Vincent Jackson, Darragh Moriarty, Michael Pidgeon, Deirdre Cronin (replaced by Kelsey May Daly – September 2023), Sophie Nicoulaud, Michael Watters and Hazel de Nortúin
- Oireachtas Members: Deputies Patrick Costello, Joan Collins, Aengus O Snódaigh and Bríd Smith
- Community Representatives: Aoife Carragher, Joseph Fitzgerald
- Director of Services, South Central Area: Derek Kelly Executive Manager (until August 2023), Bruce Phillips Acting Executive Manager (August 2023 onwards)
- Garda Officials: Chief Superintendents Tony O'Donnell, Michael McNulty (replaced Finbarr Murphy from July 2023) and Magella Armstrong (replaced Peter Duff from July 2023)

Number of meetings held during 2023 and dates

There were 4 meetings as follows: 13th February, 24th April, 31st July & 23rd October

North Inner City Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP)

Update on meetings held during 2023

Origin	Summary of Actions	Lead Person/Agency	Timescale for action
<p>In December 2018 the Government approved A Policing Service for Our Future Bill to implement the Commission for the Future of Policing in Ireland. The key principle is that Policing is not the sole responsibility of An Garda Síochána, but also involves other key Government agencies working collaboratively in the areas of health, youth and social services.</p> <p>In response the Dept. of Justice established 3 pilot LCSP's based in Longford, Waterford and Dublin's NIC. A pilot Government initiative which will bring together community members, the voluntary and community sector, statutory services, and local authority councillors to work together in identifying and tackling community safety issues locally.</p> <p>In December 2023 the Bill for Policing, Security and Community Safety passed through both houses of the Oireachtas which will pave the way for the national roll out of LCSP's in 30 additional locations in the republic and end the pilot phase for the 3 LCSP's listed above.</p> <p><u>Mission:</u></p> <p>1. To prioritise issues identified by the community that are of a safety concern</p> <p>2. To improve multi-agency and community collaboration in the area.</p> <p>3. To increase community confidence in service providers.</p> <p><u>Themes of High Priority:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drugs Inclusion Health and Anti-Social Behaviour 2. Family, Youth, Older Persons and Community 3. Education, Life Long Learning. 4. Integration, Ethnic and Multi Faith Inclusion 5. Physical Environment 	<p>1. Drugs Inclusion Health:</p> <p>1.1 Establishment and maintenance of active outreach programme focussed on assisting vulnerable drug users and dealers in NIC to encourage and actively support a practical drug free lifestyle. (LEAR)</p> <p>1.2 LEAR programme as to be extended to include a dedicated under 18's worker, targeting the hard to reach* minors as identified by legislation.</p> <p>* Persistent, prolific offenders engaged in serious crime.</p> <p>1.3 Establish the LEAR Programme on a sustainable footing across the NIC.</p> <p>1.4 The appointment of a DRIVE Lead as part of the National DRIVE Programme to work in the LCSP.</p> <p>1.10 Appointment of Community Safety Wardens in pilot areas to deliver prosocial services and citizen support services to discourage anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Report incidents of anti-social behaviour to An Garda Síochána.</p> <p>2. Youth, Family, Older Persons and Community:</p> <p>2.3 Providing pro-social activities to reach older members of the community that may have become isolated and/or at risk.</p> <p>2.6 Explore opportunities to promote awareness and educate in the area of relationship domestic violence and Coercive Control.</p> <p>2.8 Establish links between The SAOL/Brio Project and Local Area Housing Officers, AGS and all Drug and Alcohol services.</p> <p>2.11 Continued support for and participation in Restorative Practice events to encourage and support minors exit or avoid entrance to the criminal justice system.</p> <p>2.13 Establish a sub working group to focus support on hard to reach youths.</p> <p>Operational interagency sub-working group to</p>	<p>HSE, NEIC, AGS.</p> <p>HSE, TUSLA, NEIC, AGS. DCC, Garda Diversion Programme, Crinan</p> <p>HSE, DoJ</p> <p>HSE, TUSLA, AGS, NEIC, DCC</p> <p>DublinTown BID, DCC, AGS. Ana Liffey Project CSW's appointed in the Wolfe Tone Square Area</p> <p>AGS, DCC, HSE. A number of pro-social activities provided or attended by the LCSP support office</p> <p>HSE, Tusla, AGS</p> <p>DCC, AGS, TUSLA, HSE.</p> <p>AGS, Garda Diversion Programme, ELI, Probation Service, Education Representatives.</p> <p>The Probation Service, AGS, Tusla, Education Representatives</p>	<p>Commenced 2022 – Ongoing</p> <p>To Commence 2023. Funding secured through HSE. Recruitment to begin in 2024,</p> <p>2023-2026</p> <p>Position appointed on secondment in November 2023</p> <p>2023-2026 Connected with the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Dept. in HSE. And Women's Aid and The <i>TooIntoYou</i> Campaign 2023-2026</p> <p>Link established with SAOL. Tasks agreed with LCSP support office, ongoing</p> <p>4 talks delivered from LEAR to AGS, Local Area Housing Officers and Youth Workers.</p> <p>2023-2026 Joined and supported a number of RJ events, including second level school programmes. Support and Promotion of Community of Practice Events. Joined a small working group to establish a Restorative Practice Service for LEAR participants before the courts on drug offences without a known victim.</p> <p>2023. Funding secured and working group established.</p>

	<p>be developed, modelled on JARC/YOT for young prolific offenders engaged in or threatening violent criminal behaviour.</p> <p>2.15 Long term funding secured to support opportunities for supported dialogue between YP, AGS and Youth Workers.</p> <p>2.21 Explore further opportunities to provide meaningful community engagement for offenders.</p> <p>2.23 Increase representation on LCSP board of residents from the NWIC x 2.</p> <p>3.4 Move Well Being Well</p> <p>4: Integration, Ethnic and Multi Faith Inclusion: 4.3 Increase representation of Ethnic Minority and Multi Faith groups on LCSP.</p> <p>5: Environment 5.4 Ad campaign targeting illegal dumping in 4 targeted areas</p>	<p>AGS, Community Action Network, TUSLA, other relevant Government Agencies.</p> <p>AGS, The Probation Service, The Prison Service.</p> <p>LCSP support office</p> <p>Dr. Stephen Behan, Participating Schools.</p> <p>LCSP</p> <p>DCC, DublinTown and LCSP Support Office</p>	<p>Funding secured for 2023/2024</p> <p>2023/2026 Link Established and locations identified for the community returns and community service team to provide meaningful engagement. Ongoing</p> <p>Representation increased on LCSP by 2 residents from the NW.</p> <p>2 primary schools in the NIC participating in the programme.</p> <p>2023 Coordinator of Dublin City Inter Faith Forum and Support Representative from IPAS and those seeking Asylum have both joined the Partnership to represent the communities they work with.</p> <p>2023 Ad Campaign Ran across all 4 target areas.</p>
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Presentations / Reports / Updates to North Inner City Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) in 2023

- Monthly report returned to the Department of Justice
- Bi-Monthly reports returned to the Centre for Effective Services
- Quarterly reports prepared for LCSP board meeting x 4
- Participation at the CAN Policing Dialogue steering group and associated events
- Attendance at JPC Conference x 2
- Attendance at Inclusive Community Engagement in Local Planning and Decision-making Conference
- Attendance at DRIVE National Conference
- Attendance at Inter faith Conference
- Attendance at Conference for Local Community safety Partnerships – Westmondstown
- Attendance at Drogheda Mental Health Workshop
- Sub working groups facilitated workshops to support the writing of the CSP
- Launch of Community Safety Plan
- Participation on NEIC Sub Working Group 1 Enhanced Policing, monthly
- Joined a working group hosted by DCC to enhance the night-time economy and participated in 2 events on Capel Street as a result on the ongoing work of the working group
- Joined the Carpe Nocturne working group examining the impact of lighting in increasing all sections of the community's feelings of safety
- Participation in the North Wall Business Watch working group
- Attendance at Christmas Parties across the NIC with a cumulative attendance of 850 residents
- LCSP Board meet on 4 separate occasions 09/02/23 29/06/23 12/10/23 and 07/12/23

North Inner City Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) membership

- Chairperson Eddie Mullins
- Councillors: Deborah Byrne, Janet Horner, Ray McAdam, Christy Burke, Nial Ring, Janice Boylan
- Dublin City Council: David Forde, Olivia Brody
- An Garda Síochána: Chief Superintendent Patrick McMenamin
- Agencies: Brian Kirwan (HSE), Teresa Nyland (Tusla), Tara Kane (Probations Service)
- Community Representatives: Noel Wardick, Tom McKeon, Gerard Farrell, Thomas Usher, Catriona Flood, Brigina O’Riordan, Brian Jordan, Geraldine O’Driscoll, Thomas ‘Connor, Laura Williams, Joe Costello, Adrian Christie, Grainne Foy

Number of meetings held during 2023 and dates

The Partnership held 4 meetings as follows: 9th February, 22nd July, 21st September, 7th December. In addition the Partnership met with the CES team on 3 separate occasions during Quarter 1 of 2023.

**North West Area
Joint Policing Sub Committee
Annual Work Plan 2023**

	Strategic Objectives	Origin	Summary of actions to be taken	Lead person/agency key partners	Outcome
1	Keeping People Safe-Crime.	Garda Policing Plan	<p>Reduce crime and the fear of crime through multi-agency diversion activities, providing crime prevention advice and responding to evolving threats.</p> <p>Enhance our capacity to identify and deprive criminals of illegally obtained assets.</p> <p>Reduce community harm issues especially the sale and supply of illegal drugs (organised crime) and crimes against property such as burglary.</p>	An Garda Síochána	<p>Gardaí, DCC & FCC conducted multi agency operations targeting known criminals within the Community. DCC & Gardaí have also conducted a number of Garda Clinics & workshops providing crime prevention advice to local residents. By conducting these clinics and visits Gardaí were able to address and assist with any evolving threats to the effected Community area or individuals.</p> <p>Any criminals identified by Finglas Gardaí of illegally obtained assets are referred to the Criminal Assets Bureau. These referrals are completed by trained CAB profilers.</p> <p>Gardaí in Ballymun have successfully brought a number of money laundering cases before the courts in the last 12 months. These efforts will continue thorough regular policing units and through divisional asset profilers.</p> <p>High Visibility Patrols/Beats are regularly conducted by Gardaí to deter and prevent the Sale & Supply of Drugs in the affected areas. Houses identified by Gardaí are searched under warrant. There have been a number of substantial drug seizures detected in the Finglas district by both local and national drugs units.</p> <p>Gardaí in Ballymun continue to target the sale & supply of drugs through a combination of plain clothes and high visibility operations. A significant number of high volume detections have taken place and these efforts will continue. Community Gardaí in Ballymun continue to conduct targeted crime prevention initiatives throughout the year.</p>
2	Community Policing.	Garda Policing Plan	<p>Continue to further engage with communities and stakeholders, listening to and understanding their policing needs and working in partnership to address them</p> <p>Establish a roadmap to ensure our services are accessible to all, thus improving the community's quality of life</p>	An Garda Síochána	<p>Community Gardaí have and continue to engage with the local stakeholders in the Finglas District. Gardaí attended regular meetings with Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council, local shops/businesses and housing agency's which helped identify and address issues raised in the respective areas. Community Safety Forum meetings held quarterly, provide opportunities for further engagement and updates for all parties.</p> <p>Gardaí in Ballymun continue to engage with stakeholders within the community on a regular basis. Gardaí regularly attend at local safety forums and address members of the community directly, listening to their concerns and needs and providing feedback and updates. In addition to this Gardaí regularly engage with local youth groups, schools, senior citizen groups and various other agencies</p> <p>Gardaí provide a number of services ensuring the community has access to a better quality of service. People can now report incidents online.</p> <p>Community Gardaí conducted talks / presentations with local community groups, residential complexes, and schools and set up Garda clinics providing information about personal safety, property protection and crime prevention.</p>

			Continue to work in partnership with stakeholders in supporting diversity within the community of the North West Area.		<p>Ballymun Community Gardaí Team attended the March and June meeting to introduce themselves to the community and agencies and exchange contacts. A presentation on Community Policing was delivered to the Safety Forum.</p> <p>In the Finglas District there a number of facilities which include women's refuges, the national reception centre at Baleskin, family homeless accommodation. Community Gardaí regularly attend these facilities to engage and connect with residents and provide relevant information or presentations. Gardaí attend regular meetings and help identify and address any issues raised.</p> <p>Gardaí in Ballymun regularly conducted visits to the IPAS accommodation centres within the District supporting the needs of the vulnerable communities in the NWA.</p>
3	Keeping People Safe-Roads.	Garda Policing Plan	<p>Contribute to the Government Road Safety Strategy, working in partnership on education and targeting enforcement activities to reduce deaths and serious injuries</p> <p>Safeguarding road users by an increase in key lifesaver offence enforcement and detections (speeding, seatbelts, mobile phones and driving under the influence).</p> <p>Disrupt known criminals' activities through strict enforcement of road traffic legislation and denying them the use of the roads.</p>	An Garda Síochána	<p>Gardaí conducted talks/presentations for road safety days to school/local community groups and the national reception centre. During which high visibility vest/bags/armbands provided by the RSA are handed out.</p> <p>The DMR Roads Policing Unit conducted and continue to conduct high visibility checkpoints targeting drivers under the influence. Operations targeting key lifesaver offences are conducted on a weekly basis by both the regional & local DMR Roads Policing Units</p> <p>Operation Hybrid is currently running on a daily basis. This Operation targets/disrupts known criminals and their activities. This is done by Checkpoints and High Visibility & Covert patrols and searches. These patrols are conducted by dedicated personnel from the Local District Detective Unit, the Regular Policing Unit and they are assisted by members from the Armed Support Unit.</p>
4	Safer Streets	Citywide JPC	<p>Additional mobile and beat patrols in North West Area to ensure a safer environment.</p> <p>Safety Fora to increase online presence to disseminate information to the public.</p>	<p>An Garda Síochána</p> <p>Finglas Safety Fora Coordinator</p>	<p>Gardaí continually assess and reassess areas of concern with anti-social behaviour and high crime areas. These areas are then highlighted for high visibility beats / patrols in order to create a safer environment for stakeholders</p> <p>The Safety Forum Coordinator had, and continues to, engage with the public through publishing Safety Forum related information on social media platforms like Facebook which the Safety Forum Coordinator oversees. Other forms were via Northside People Newspaper with the publication of a safety campaign relating to the dangers around the misuse of quad bikes and scramblers.</p> <p>The Ballymun Safety Forum awaits the appointment of a Safety Forum Co-ordinator. All public meetings are advertised locally and via social media platforms. Information is circulated to our members and the public as required.</p>
5	Tackling Drugs	Citywide JPC	<p>A multiagency approach through AGS and DCC to tackle drug problem across North West Area.</p> <p>Safety Fora to circulate information on drug related support and reporting on drug litter.</p>	Dublin City Council, An Garda Síochána, Task Forces.	<p>The Local Area Offices work closely with An Garda Síochána in relation to areas of mutual interest.</p> <p>The Finglas Cabra Local Drug and Alcohol Task Force organised a drug debt intimidation awareness morning in Finglas in conjunction with the nominated inspector for drug debt intimidation. A range of professionals from various</p>

					<p>organisations attended the awareness morning.</p> <p>At Safety Forum meetings in the respective areas of Finglas, the Safety Forum Coordinator disseminated information to residents at the meetings relating to who to contact to request the removal of drug litter/paraphernalia.</p> <p>A presentation in relation to Drug Intimidation was presented to members of NWA JPC.</p>
6	Small Areas Policing	Citywide JPC	Implementation of SAPs policing in H District through Sgt. Foley NPU Ballymun and Sgt. Monahan NPU Santry	An Garda Síochána	<p>There are now three Sergeants and fourteen Gardaí attached to Community Policing Units in the 'H' District. Each of these Gardaí has been assigned a sector under the SAPs model and proactively engage with residents and stakeholders in these areas on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Safer Ballymun Steering committee meet quarterly with the Ballymun Inspector for Community Policing to raise matter / areas of concern, that a SAP may be initiated.</p>
7	Provide an Outreach service for areas in the NWA	Finglas Cabra Drug & Alcohol Task Force Ballymun Task Force	Outreach worker to operate from a unit in the Barry Shops complex. Provide an Out Reach service for Poppintree & Courts Area.	Finglas Cabra Drug & Alcohol Task Force Ballymun Task Force	<p>Unit at Barry shop not progressed due to cost and premises issues</p> <p>Increased contact and help available for hard-to-reach individuals and groups available 6 days per week through street-based outreach work.</p> <p>The Local Area Office will seek to provide an office for the Finglas Cabra Drug & Alcohol Task Force in one of the new developments in order to improve services to the Finglas West Area.</p> <p>Outreach services are provided by a number of agencies in Ballymun. The Easy Street Team offer an outreach service under BLDTF.</p>
8	Support the recovery programme campaign	Finglas Addiction Support Team	Multiagency support for a month long campaign in both Ballymun & Finglas	FAST DCC	<p>Increased recovery opportunities and linkages to support services and self-help groups made available for those contemplating changing their drug/alcohol use. Greater community support for those in recovery.</p> <p>Increased Recovery multiagency supports in Ballymun including a month long Recovery programme campaign</p> <p>The Local Area Offices continues to support the work of the Finglas/Cabra Drug & Alcohol Task Force.</p>

North West Area Joint Policing Subcommittee membership

- City Councillors: Keith Connolly (Chairperson), Anthony Connaghan, Noeleen Reilly, Caroline Conroy, Mary Callaghan, Briege MacOscar (Co-opted February 2020)
- Oireachtas Members: Deputies Dessie Ellis, Roisín Shortall and Paul McAuliffe
- Community/Business Representatives: Teresa Lydon (Board of Ballymun Drugs Task Force/member of subgroup of Safer Ballymun), Tony Byrne (Order of Malta/Finglas-Cabra Local Drugs & Alcohol Task Force/Scouting Ireland), John Redmond (Peace Commissioner)
- Dublin City Council Officials: Bruce Philips, Executive Manager, Jackie O'Reilly, Area Manager (Ballymun) and Pat Teehan, Area Manager (Finglas)
- Garda Officials: Chief Superintendents Finbarr Murphy and Mark Curran; this changed in 2023 to Chief Superintendents Michael McNulty and Peter Duff

Number of meetings held during 2023 and dates

The NWA JPC held 4 meetings in 2023, 4 meetings were successfully held in-person in Ballymun Civic Offices as follows:

27th March, 26th June, 25th September and 11th December

Steering Committee meetings held in 2023

The NWA JPC held 4 Steering Committee meetings in 2023, all meetings were successfully held online via Zoom, as follows:

March, 12th June, 11th September and 27th November

Finglas Safety Fora Update 2023

Two rounds of meetings took place in 2023 in the respective areas of Finglas East, West and South as follows:

- Finglas South, Erin's Isle - Monday 6th March 2023
- Finglas East, St Canice's BNS - Tuesday 7th March 2023
- Finglas West, St Fergal's BNS - Monday 13th March 2023
- Finglas West: St Fergal's BNS. - 18th September 2023
- Finglas East: St Canice's BNS.- 19th September 2023
- Finglas South Erin's Isle GAA - Monday 25th September 2023

The Finglas Safety Fora Coordinator dealt with a large volume of queries a daily basis through phone, text, and email throughout 2023. Many of the issues raised in various locations in the Finglas area were repeated throughout the year. The main areas of concern include the Wellmount Area, the back of Dunnes Stores on Cardiffsbridge Road, Northway Road and Park, Mellows Parks and the Barry area and the issues reported include open drug dealing and high levels of anti-social behaviour. The high levels of drug paraphernalia in these areas also added to the concerns of those in the local community

Local residents expressed concerns over the lack of Garda visibility in the area.

Throughout the year there were continuous concerns raised over scramblers in the area and reports of joy riding in estates, parks and main roads throughout Finglas by youth on scramblers, quads and cars.

In response to some of the queries and issues raised to the safety coordinator a leaflet drop to residents detailing the safety forum and contact details for residents to get in touch regarding these issues was organised and the Safety Fora Coordinator continues to liaise with AGS, DCC and local groups and residents on a regular basis to discuss these issues and work towards a solution.

Annual Ballymun Safety Fora JPC Report 2023

The Safer Ballymun is a partnership between the Community, Dublin City Council, the Drugs Task Force and An Garda Síochána. The focus is to engage in collaborative discussions to explore solutions to local safety concerns.

The Ballymun Safety Steering Committee held 3 meetings in 2023

- Tuesday 14th March 2023
- Monday 12th June 2023
- Thursday 5th October 2023

The Ballymun Safety Forum held 3 Public Meetings meetings in 2023

- Tuesday 28th March 2023
- Tuesday 13th June 2023
- Tuesday 17th October 2023

Dublin City Council & An Garda Síochána met on the following dates to discuss Safety issues and agree actions to be implemented under the Safer Ballymun Strategy:

- Tuesday 14th March 2023
- Monday 27th March 2023
- Thursday 1st June 2023
- Monday 5th October 2023

The Youth Advocacy Group in Ballymun established by Dublin City Council continues to meet regularly and bring safety matters of concern to the Safer Ballymun Steering Committee and also engage with the Safer Ballymun Network. It is the aim of the Safer Ballymun Forum to bring their voices, ideas and potential solutions to issues raised to fruition in the coming year.

The main safety matters raised during 2023 were

- Increased open drug dealing in the public domain (at neighbourhood shops, the Plaza and the courts)
- Increased levels of Anti-social behaviour at Silloge Area
- Increased use of Nitrous Oxide across the area
- Increased levels of anti-social behaviour and intimidation at Poppintree Sports Centre
- Increased number of scramblers and stolen cars all across the area
- Large gatherings of youths around Poppintree Parade – open drug dealing
- Local feuds at Whiteacre / Shangan area
- Illegal parking on footpaths at schools/crèches and in clearway at Gateway Crescent

Our Housing Manager and Project Estate Team have continued to work closely with the local Gardaí to follow up on and investigate complaints as received. A number of joint operations have taken place.