



GALWAY CITY JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE (JPC)

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

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Message from the Chairperson of Galway City Joint Policing Committee

As Chairperson of the Galway City Joint Policing Committee (JPC) I welcome the publication of the Annual Report for 2021. The report details the work of the committee in delivering on its work during 2021 within the context of the Covid-19 pandemic and is an important means of communicating the role and work of the committee.

The Joint Policing Committee aims to develop greater consultation, cooperation and synergy on policing and crime issues between An Garda Síochána, Galway City Council, Community Representatives and Elected Local Representatives.

During 2021, the JPC continued to take an interagency approach to its work in addressing local issues in what has been another challenging year, again largely due to the impact of Covid-19 and the uncertainties this caused throughout 2021.

The Galway City JPC convened on four occasions online during 2021, with additional meetings of the JPC Sub Committees taking place online.

Significant progress has been made on achieving our strategic objectives and I would like to thank the members of the JPC and its Sub Committees for their work during 2021. I would like to thank the Covid-19 Community Response Forum, co-ordinated by Galway City Council which continued to meet throughout 2021, ensuring a co-ordinated community response and enabling all the community, voluntary and statutory agencies to collaborate in support of our communities and particularly our most vulnerable members.

I want to acknowledge the important work of members of An Garda Síochána in playing their part in keeping our communities safe at this exceptionally difficult time. I also want to acknowledge the excellent level of participation by the elected and community representatives on the Committee and to each member of the JPC for their continuing support in fulfilling the role and purpose of the JPC. I would like to thank the previous members of the JPC for their support and work and would also like to welcome our new members to the Committee and look forward to working with you all. Finally I would like to acknowledge and thank Galway City Council for the ongoing facilitation, support and administration of the Committee.

Cllr. Níall McNelis

Councillor Níall McNelis
Chairperson of the Galway City Joint Policing Committee

Message from Chief Superintendent Curley, Galway Garda Division

As Chief Superintendent of the Galway Division, I wish to record my appreciation to Galway City Council, Community Representatives and Elected Local Representatives in the Galway City Area for 2021. The cooperation and participation of Galway City Council, Community Representatives and Elected Representatives with An Garda Síochána is acknowledged in the challenges faced during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Thomas O’Curlaí, Árd Cheannfort

Chief Superintendent, Tom Curley

Introduction

This document constitutes the Annual Report on the operation of the Galway City Joint Policing Committee (JPC) for the year ended 31st December 2021. The report has been prepared in the context of the Joint Policing Committee Amended Guidelines 2014 jointly issued by the Minister for Justice and Equality and the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government and in specific accordance with Section 36(5) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005.

Background

Section 36(1) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 provides for the establishment of Joint Policing Committees to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the Local Authority's administrative area.

Functions of a JPC

The functions of a JPC set out in section 36(2) of the Garda Síochána Act, state the following:

"The Joint Policing Committee's function is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the Local Authority's administrative area, and in particular to –

(a) keep under review -

- i. the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in that area (including the patterns and levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs), and
- ii. the factors underlying and contributing to the levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the area,

(b) advise the Local Authority concerned and the Garda Síochána on how they might best perform their functions having regard to the need to do everything feasible to improve the safety and quality of life and to prevent crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour within the area,

(c) arrange and host public meetings concerning matters affecting the policing of the Local Authority's administrative area,

(d) establish, in consultation with the local Garda superintendent, as the committee considers necessary within specific neighbourhoods of the area, local policing fora to discuss and make recommendations to the committee concerning matters that it is to keep under review under paragraph (a) or on which it is to advise under paragraph (b), in so far as those matters affect their neighbourhoods, and

(e) co-ordinate the activities of local policing fora under paragraph (d) or otherwise."

Section 37(1) also provides:

"A Local Authority shall, in performing its functions, have regard to the importance of taking steps to prevent crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour within its area of responsibility.

Summary of Progress

Monitoring of Levels and Patterns of Crime

An Garda Síochána provided detailed quarterly statistical reports to Galway City JPC on the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in Galway City, which were kept under review and responded to as appropriate. At each meeting, the members were updated on Garda activities across the City, including roads policing, public safety and community engagement, public order and anti-social issues as well as statistics on crime levels including burglaries, thefts, assaults and domestic incidents. As per previous years each report covered how the crime types are trending in comparison to the same period in the previous year. In consideration of the reports it was important to note that the figures reflect and need to be interpreted in the context of Covid-19 and the restrictions that were in place during 2021, including limitations to public life and a level 5 lockdown at the beginning of 2021. A Fraud Incident Report also formed part of this report for 2021, detailing the number of cases of the different types of fraud happening in Galway City.

An Garda Síochána Garda Statistics Report 2021

Galway City	Year to 31st of December 2021			
	2020	2021	Difference	% Difference
Property Crime				
Burglary/ Buirgléireacht	196	127	-69	-35%
Theft from M.P.V./ Goid as Feithicil	177	203	26	15%
Theft from Person/ Goid Ó'n Duine	29	19	-10	-34%
Theft from Shop/ Goid as Siopa	457	445	-12	-3%
Theft Other/ Goid eile	184	167	-17	-9%
Drugs/ Drugaí				
For Sale or Supply/ Le díol nó soláthar	87	86	-1	-1%
Simple Possession/ Seilbh shimplí	218	247	29	13%
Drugs Seized/ Urghabháil Drugaí				
Cocaine/ Cócaon	€546,118			
Ecstasy/ Eacstais	€750			
Cannabis/ Cannabas	€435,651			
Heroin/ Hearóin	€2,430			
Other Eile	€28,884			
Road Accidents/ Statisticí Timpistí Bóthair				
Fatal/ Marfach	1	2	1	100%
Serious Injury/ Gortú Tromchúiseach	18	6	-12	-67%
FCPN Speeding / Bhrostú	7015	5494	-1521	-22%
No Insurance/ Gan Árachas	119	113	-6	-5%
Intoxicated Driving/ Tiomáint faoi thionchar alcóil nó drugaí	106	118	12	11%
MIT Checkpoints/ Seicphointí - Teist Alcóil Sainordaitheach	392	329	-63	-16%
FCPN - Parking Offences	1028	847	-181	-18%
FCPN - Pedal Cycles	33	40	7	21%
FCPN - Traffic Lights Driving Past	147	126	-21	-14%

Public Order Incidents				
Public Order Offences/ Coireanna Ord Poiblí	491	522	31	6%
Begging	41	53	12	29%
Assaults/ Ionsaithe				
Assault causing Harm/ Ionsaithe Ag déanamh dochar	91	101	10	11%
Minor Assault/ Mion-ionsaí	297	334	37	12%
Domestic Incidents/ Eactraí Intíre				
Breach of Barring Order, Safety Order and Protection Order Bearnaigh d'Orda Cosanta, Orda Cosaint agus Orda Sábháilte	68	94	26	38%
Domestic Abuse No Offence Disclosed	307	340	33	11%
Sexual Assaults/ Ionsaithe Gnéasacha				
Rape of Male or Female / Éigniú ar Fhear nó ar Bhean	10	22	12	120%
Sexual Assault (Not aggravated)	26	52	26	100%

*Data is provisional, operational and may be subject to change

Fraud Type	Number in 2021
Accommodation Fraud	19
Account Take Over Fraud	109
Bogus Tradesman Fraud	<5
Business E-Mail Compromise	<5
Card Not Present Fraud	113
Cheque Fraud	<5
Counterfeiting Notes and Coins	5
Deception/Other	102
Employee/Internal Fraud	<5
False Pretences	<5
Forgery / False Instrument Offences	10
Investment Fraud	<5
Money Laundering	15
Phishing/Vishing/Smishing Frauds	44
Romance Fraud	<5
Shopping/Online Auction Fraud	25
Welfare / Benefit Fraud	<5
Grand Total	462

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Key Actions 2021

Sub-committee 1 – To Promote the Safety of all Road Users in Galway City

During 2021 and in line with priorities agreed by this Sub-committee, 16 No. Driver Feedback signs were installed at a number of key locations across Galway City. A condition survey of approximately 60 existing Driver Feedback Signs in the city was carried out in September/October 2021 by Galway City Council. 16 no. signs were identified for repairs and repairs were carried out to 4 no. signs in Q4 2021 with the balance scheduled for repairs in 2022.

The Section 38 public consultation on the proposed Clybaun Road (South) Active Travel Scheme and the Ballyloughane Road Active Travel Scheme commenced during Q4 2021. In addition the Section 38 public consultation on the proposed Eglinton Canal Active Travel scheme and the Doughiska Road South Cycle Network scheme commenced during Q4 2021. Public Submissions/Observations are currently being collated and assessed. Drawings detailing all the proposals are available on www.activetravelgalway.ie

Cycle Parking

Galway City Council launched an online map in 2021 displaying over 1,040 on-street public cycle parking spaces available in the City. The programme to increase cycle parking stock continued in 2021, with 100 no. cycle parking spaces added. GCC also supplied parking stands to schools and clubs in 2021 to accommodate 140 no. cycles.

Cycle Repair Stands

Galway City Council in collaboration with the National Transport Authority commenced an 18 month trial for the provision of cycle stand repair and maintenance stands. Pending a successful trial and review period, the provision of cycle repair stand infrastructure may be rolled out across the city. Repair stands have been installed at the following locations: Eyre Square; Blackrock and Westside Library.



Park and Stride

Galway City Council's Park and Stride scheme was promoted in August and September 2021, as children returned to school. 199 permits were issued over August/ September 2021 alone. The removal of cars from the front of the school has an immediate benefit in terms of child safety, whether they do the last leg of the school journey on foot, by scooter or by bike. The Galway City Council Park and Stride scheme facilitates parents to park their car legally and free of charge, in over 20 participating car parks, when walking the last part of the journey to school with their children. The car parks can also be used as 'hop and drop' facilities for older children to make their way to school independently. The hours of Park and Stride are: morning: 8.00am to 9.30am (1 hour max), and afternoon: 1.00pm to 4.30pm (1 hour max). See www.galwaycity.ie/parkandstride

Official Launch Day! 30th November 2020



A number of measures were advanced to promote alternatives to the car transport system, including major resurfacing works; commencement of school streets pilot project; implementation of park and stride programme for city schools. Finally a number of events took place as part of Road Safety Week in October 2021, including a 'Light up your Life' message for all road users with a focus on pedestrians and cyclists promoted during December 2021.

Sub-committee 2 – To Enhance Community Safety Responses in Galway City with a view to Crime Prevention

2021 started out on the back of the 2020 bus shelter ad campaign which ran until mid-January 2021. Full size bus shelter ads provided advice across key locations in the city on (1) Fraud & Cybercrime and (2) Domestic Abuse. Owing to the success of this campaign crime prevention information was also progressed for display through the digital information kiosks across the city, with relevant and updated feeds going to these units. Another focus of work was with the Business Watch community in the spring of 2021; as they transitioned out of lock-down in preparation for an anticipated busy summer of trading. A crime prevention video was created with the help of the Garda Press Office and Sergeant Kelvin Courtney from the National Garda Crime Prevention Office. We also created a 'Retail Security Checklist' which included a QR code for the aforementioned video. With funding from Galway City Council printed copies of the security checklist were distributed with the help of the local Garda Community Policing Unit and Business Watch committee. Links below for further information on this.

- Business Watch Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05JgZwEMUfw&t=46s>
- Retail Security Checklist: <https://www.garda.ie/en/crime-prevention/protecting-your-business/rs1-retail-security-checklist.pdf>



Campus Watch is an important part of strategy when it comes to ‘community safety, each September a considerable amount of engagement is done with the local Garda Community Policing Unit in rolling out the relevant information to students in NUIG, GMIT as well as some of the smaller campuses. More information on the campus watch programme can be viewed on <https://www.garda.ie/en/crime-prevention/crime-prevention/campus-watch/> Examples of campus watch initiatives undertaken during 2021 were bicycle security and drug abuse, which were promoted on local and national radio, TV, social media and via the student unions.

The highlight of the Sub-committees work on behalf of the JPC was the Crime Prevention Webinar, hosted in November 2021. This event targeted four strategic areas; namely Home Security, Fraud & Cybercrime; Domestic Abuse and Road Safety. The event was very well received and is hosted on the Garda YouTube Channel with thousands of views. A clip for each of the four areas can be viewed below.

- Home Security Video - https://youtu.be/_58ahOAUd7Y
- Cybercrime Video - <https://youtu.be/AZovk-Xubsl>
- Road Safety Video - <https://youtu.be/4t-ctAdpv7c>
- Domestic Abuse Video – <https://fb.watch/aFH1B1JgNB/>



Sub-committee 3 - To Reduce and Prevent Anti-Social Behaviour in Galway City

In an effort to combat anti-social behaviour, a JPC task group was set up in each of the three local electoral areas, chaired by a local City Councillor and assisted by the Housing Estate Liaison Officers (HELO) assigned to each area. These task groups met to discuss a number of issues of local concern, in addition to solutions to tackling these issues in each area. A survey on anti-social behaviour was piloted in one area, in line with the SARA model which is a decision-making model that incorporates analysis and research, tailoring solutions to specific problems, and most importantly, evaluating the effectiveness of those responses. Further work on this area will be considered and advanced during 2022. During November 2022, Age Friendly Housing and Public Realm Training was delivered to relevant staff in Galway City Council by Age Friendly Ireland, which included a video presentation on Crime Prevention through Environmental Design. In addition and in partnership with NUI Galway & GMIT and their respective student unions engagement took place during 2021 in relation to anti-social behaviour as part of the Campus Watch Programme, which is the community based crime prevention programme. Community Garda are assigned to each campus to provide on-going support and assistance throughout the academic year. Briefings and crime prevention advice is delivered to students at the commencement of the year and during the year if and when needed. An Garda Síochána also engage with the management of the campuses to assist and ensure the safe running of the campus during the year. Campus Watch booklets and e-booklets are provided to each campus in 12 different languages - <https://www.garda.ie/en/crime-prevention/crime-prevention/campus-watch/>

Sub-committee 4 – To Devise & Support Community Engagement models of best practise in Galway City

During 2021 a number of community initiatives took place with members from the Community Gardaí, Galway City Council and community and voluntary groups, highlighting the on-going and strong working relationship in our community. The Community Gardaí played a vital role during Covid-19 by making regular contact with the elderly community and providing support and assistance to vulnerable members of the community. Staff at the Westside Resource Centre and Ballybane Resource Centre also worked closely with Community Gardaí to disseminate important crime prevention tips and to educate the community as to the details of their local Community Garda. An ethnic minority representative was sought and is now an active member on this Sub-committee. A presentation was received from Arthur Carr of Claddagh Watch and an invite to join a patrol was offered but due to restrictions we were unable to carry this out.



Galway City COVID-19 Community Response

Throughout 2021, Galway City JPC received updates and presentations on the Galway City Covid-19 Community Response, which included the Community Response Forum which met throughout most of 2021. Members of the Forum include An Garda Síochána, HSE, and many community and voluntary organisations / groups operating across Galway City. The JPC received regular communication and updates on the Community Call Helpline, led and co-ordinated by Galway City Council which continued to provide a dedicated community response helpline to ensure that all vulnerable members of our community were appropriately supported as we moved through the response to Covid-19. Finally Galway City JPC received updates on the number and range of initiatives, measures and campaigns that were in place throughout 2021 for information and onwards circulation and promotion as appropriate.



Community Call support is available

We are here if you need someone to talk to or practical help or support.

National government, local government and the community and voluntary sectors have joined together in the Community Call initiative to provide a dedicated helpline in each local authority area to offer support if you need it.

The Community Call can provide:

- Delivery of food, medication, fuel or other household items
- Someone to talk to or keep in touch with
- Other practical supports
- Signposting and referral to reliable information and services

Helpline numbers and emails for all local authorities are available at www.gov.ie/communitycall.

Calls can also be made via a national phone number 0818 222 024.

Get in touch

You can contact the Galway City Council Community Call helpdesk by phone or email.

1800 400 150

Covidsupport@galwaycity.ie

Community Call is part of the Government's 'Keep Well' programme of activities and initiatives to help you look after your mental and physical wellbeing. Find out more about what is happening in Galway City at www.galwaycity.ie/wellbeing or at www.gov.ie/healthyeireland.

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Galway City Council

 Kláras na Míreanna
Government of Ireland

Policing Authority

Cllr. Níall McNelis, Chairperson of the JPC and Mr. Brendan McGrath, Chief Executive of Galway City Council attended the 6th annual meeting with the Policing Authority, which was held again online during September 2021. The purposes of this annual meeting with the Policing Authority is to receive an overview of policing priorities 2022, in addition to an overview and update on the Draft JPC Guidelines that circulated to JPC members for feedback. These guidelines which have been developed by the Policing Authority as part of its statutory role in relation to JPCs set out in some detail the purpose and function of JPCs. They provide information for JPC Members and the community as to how the committees work. It is the intention of the Policing Authority that the Guidelines, once finalised will come into effect in 2022.

Public Meeting

2021 was another difficult year to hold meetings, and especially to engage with the public due to the Covid-19 restrictions that were in place throughout the year. The Galway City JPC did not hold a public meeting during 2021, however the Crime Prevention webinar which was held during November 2021 focused on a number of online presentations on key issues such as home security, fraud & cybercrime, domestic abuse and road safety which was open to all members of the public to join.

Record of Members and Meetings held during 2021

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the four JPC meetings were held online during 2021 on the following dates:

22 nd March 2021	21 st June 2021	18 th October 2021	6 th December 2021
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Name of Member	Organisation	No. of meetings attended
Cllr. Níall McNelis (Chairperson)	Galway City Council	4
Cllr. Mike Cubbard	Galway City Council	3
Cllr. Frank Fahy	Galway City Council	4
Cllr. Donal Lyons	Galway City Council	4
Cllr. Terry O'Flaherty	Galway City Council	4
Cllr. Michael Crowe	Galway City Council	3
Cllr. Eddie Hoare	Galway City Council	4
Cllr. Noel Larkin	Galway City Council	4
Cllr. Alan Cheevers	Galway City Council	3
Cllr. Owen Hanley	Galway City Council	4
Cllr. Niall Murphy	Galway City Council	3
Deputy Eamon O'Cuív	Oireachtas	0
Deputy Mairead Farrell TD	Oireachtas	3
Senator Seán Kyne	Oireachtas	2
Senator Pauline O'Reilly	Oireachtas	2
Chief Supt. T Curley	An Garda Síochána	4
Supt Damien Flanagan	An Garda Síochána	4
Inspector Brian Ryan	An Garda Síochána	4
Sgt. Sinead Cunniffe	An Garda Síochána	4
Sgt. Mick Walsh	An Garda Síochána	4
Mr. Tommy Flaherty	Galway City Community Network (GCCN)	3
Ms. Nicola Tierney	Galway City Community Network (GCCN)	3
Mr. John Rabbitte	Galway City Community Network (GCCN)	4
Mr. Cameron Keighron	Galway City Community Network (GCCN)	3
Mr. John Cleary	Galway City Community Network (GCCN)	3
Mr. Brendan McGrath	Galway City Council (Chief Executive)	2
Mr. Brian Barrett	Galway City Council	3
Ms. Ruth McNally	Galway City Council	1

During 2021 there was a change in membership on the Galway City JPC. Mr. Brian Barrett, Acting Director of Services, Galway City Council was replaced by Ms. Ruth McNally, Director of Services, Galway City Council.

Joint Policing Sub-committees - Membership (December 2021)

<i>Strategic Goal 1 To Promote the Safety of all Road Users in Galway City</i>	<i>Strategic Goal 2 To Enhance Community Safety Responses in Galway City with a view to Crime Prevention</i>	<i>Strategic Goal 3 To Reduce and Prevent Anti-Social Behaviour in Galway City</i>	<i>Strategic Goal 4 To Devise & Support Community Engagement models of best practise in Galway City</i>
Cllr. Eddie Hoare	Cllr. Donal Lyons	Cllr. Terry O’Flaherty	Tommy Flaherty (Chairperson)
Cllr. Frank Fahy	Cllr. Mike Cubbard (Chairperson)	Cllr. Níall McNelis (Chairperson)	Cllr. Owen Hanley
John Cleary	Cameron Keighron	Cllr. Noel Larkin	Cllr. Niall Murphy
John Rabbitte (Chairperson)	Tommy Flaherty	John Cleary	Nichola Tierney
		Edward Conlon	Vusi Thabethe
		Nichola Tierney	Cameron Keighron
Inspector Conor Madden and Inspector Finbarr Philpott	Sgt. Michael Walsh and Inspector Brian Ryan	Sgt. Michael Walsh and Sgt. Darragh Browne	Sgt. Darragh Browne
Francis McEvoy	Caitriona Morgan	Maria Fallon Ward	Angela Breslin
		President SU GMIT & NUIG	

Strategic Goal 1: To Promote the Safety of All Road Users in Galway City

	Strategic Objectives	Summarise the actions taken and the progress achieved during the year and any significant difficulties which were encountered	Summarise the advice given by the JPC to the local authority / Gardaí	Results of advice / Recommendations
1	Ensure effective speed controls are in place in the City – with a focus on the Driver Feedback Signs	<p>16 No. Driver Feedback signs installed at a number of key locations across Galway City. Condition survey of approximately 60 existing Driver Feedback Signs in the city was carried out in September/October 2021 by Galway City Council.</p> <p>16 no. signs identified for repairs and repairs were carried out to 4 no. signs in Q4 2021 with the balance scheduled for repairs in 2022.</p>	Advised of areas which should be focused on.	Task Completed
2	Promote alternative to the car transport system	<p>Section 38 public consultation on a number of proposed Active Travel schemes and the Cycle Network schemes commenced during Q4 2021.</p> <p>Cycle Parking online map in 2021 displaying over 1,040 on-street public cycle parking spaces available in the City.</p> <p>Increased cycle parking stock continued in 2021, with 100 no. cycle parking spaces added. Galway City Council also supplied parking stands to schools and clubs in 2021 to accommodate 140 no. cycles.</p> <p>Cycle repair stands installed at Eyre Square; Blackrock and Westside Library in 2021.</p> <p>Park and Stride scheme promoted in August and September 2021, as children returned to school. 199 permits were issued over August/ September 2021.</p> <p>A number of measures were advanced to promote alternatives to the car transport system, including major resurfacing works; commencement of school streets pilot project; implementation of park and stride programme for city schools.</p>	Ensure adequate maintenance of existing cycle lanes; Progress plans for new cycle lanes as outlined.	Task Completed
3	Protect and support pedestrian, cyclists and people with disabilities	A number of events took place as part of Road Safety Week in October 2021, including a 'Light up your Life' message for all road users with a focus on pedestrians and cyclists promoted during December 2021.	Promotion of road safety campaigns directly, on website and Social Media: Road Safety Week; Bike Week; Check it Fits Campaign; Eye Health: Eyes on the Road etc.	Task Completed

Strategic Goal 2: To Enhance Community Safety Responses in Galway City with a view to Crime

Prevention

	Strategic Objectives	Summarise the actions taken and the progress achieved during the year and any significant difficulties which were encountered	Summarise the advice given by the JPC to the local authority / Gardaí	Results of advice / Recommendations
1	Cybercrime & Fraud scam awareness during Covid-19	<p>Full size bus shelter ads provided advice across key locations in the city on Fraud & Cybercrime during Q1 2021. Crime prevention information was also progressed for display through the digital information kiosks across the city, with relevant and updated feeds going to these units.</p> <p>Crime Prevention Webinar hosted in November 2021 with a focus on Cybercrime and Home Security - https://youtu.be/AZovk-Xubsl and https://youtu.be/58ahOAUd7Y</p> <p>Galway Bay FM, Connaught Tribune, Garda Western Region and Galway City Council Facebook page promoted events and advice around key objectives.</p>	<p>Advised of placing of ads on bus shelters – motion passed through JPC.</p> <p>Advised to circulate information and advice on social media where relevant.</p> <p>Advised of interviews / articles published.</p>	<p>Task Completed</p> <p>Task Completed</p> <p>Task Completed</p>
2	Domestic Violence	<p>Full size bus shelter ads provided advice across key locations in the city on Domestic Abuse during Q1 2021</p> <p>Articles were published in the Connacht Tribune and other publications giving advice and support to victims, including information about the Bright Sky Ireland App: https://connachttribune.ie/control-and-power-lie-at-heart-of-domestic-abuse/</p> <p>Crime Prevention Webinar hosted in November 2021 with a focus on Domestic Abuse – https://fb.watch/aFH1B1JgNB/</p> <p>The Divisional Garda Protected Services Bureau in Galway continued to provide help and support to the victims of domestic and sexual crimes.</p>	<p>Advised of placing of ads on bus shelters – motion passed through JPC</p> <p>Identify and communicate the range of services and supports for victims of domestic violence.</p> <p>Advised of continued support being provided.</p>	<p>Task Completed</p> <p>Task Completed and on-going promotion of the 'Bright Sky Ireland' mobile phone app</p> <p>Task Completed</p> <p>Task Completed and still on-going</p>
3	Community Safety & Water safety	<p>Crime Prevention Webinar hosted in November 2021.</p>	<p>Advised to circulate information and advice on social media where relevant.</p>	<p>Task Completed and still on-going</p>

4	Continue to support the existing and new safety networks with a view to crime prevention	<p>The Garda Community Engagement and Crime Prevention Offices continued to engage with their Community Alert, Neighbourhood Watch, Campus Watch and Business Watch programmes throughout the year. Examples of campus watch initiatives are bicycle security and drug abuse, which were promoted on local and national radio, TV, social media and via the student unions.</p> <p>Crime prevention video created with the help of the Garda Press Office and the National Garda Crime Prevention Office. 'Retail Security Checklist' created, printed and widely distributed to businesses / networks.</p> <p>Business Watch Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05JgZwEMUfw&t=46s</p> <p>Retail Security Checklist: https://www.garda.ie/en/crime-prevention/protecting-your-business/rs1-retail-security-checklist.pdf</p> <p>Business Text Alert groups continued to provide timely information and support to the business community.</p>	<p>Printing and distribution of leaflets.</p> <p>Advised of on-going engagement with businesses.</p>	<p>Task Completed and still on-going</p> <p>Task Completed</p> <p>Task Completed</p>
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Strategic Goal 3: To Reduce and Prevent Anti-Social Behaviour in Galway City

	Strategic Objectives	Summarise the actions taken and the progress achieved during the year and any significant difficulties which were encountered	Summarise the advice given by the JPC to the local authority / Gardaí	Results of advice / Recommendations
1	Examine the safety and access in housing estates relative to anti-social behaviour	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing
2	Support Crime Prevention through environmental design of housing estates	Submission made on the Draft Galway City Development Plan in 2021 by JPC Sub Committee 3.	Submission complete	Complete
3	Produce a simple leaflet to inform people where and how to report anti-social behaviour e.g. for Council Housing, Parks, for Private Rentals, Gardaí	To hear an update from the Citizen Information Centre GCC Tenancy Handbook updated in 2021, in consultation with JPC Subcommittee 3 GCC Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy being updated, in consultation with JPC Subcommittee 3	Update received Handbook updated Strategy updated	Complete Complete Complete
4	Work in partnership with Agencies and organisations to divert children and young people away from anti-social behaviour	Organise Workshops with Foróige & Youth Work Ireland including Galway City Comhairle na nÓg	Workshop took place	Complete
5	Increase liaison with students unions, colleges, landlords and residents to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour	Students Union representative(s) joined JPC Subcommittee 3 during 2021 Gardaí to provide advice to students on college campus Distribute leaflets on how to report anti-social behaviour to property management companies	Representatives joined Advice provided on an ongoing basis Leaflets distributed	Complete Complete Complete

Strategic Goal 4: To Devise and Support Community Engagement Models of best practice in Galway City

	Strategic Objectives	Summarise the actions taken and the progress achieved during the year and any significant difficulties which were encountered	Summarise the advice given by the JPC to the local authority / Gardaí	Results of advice / Recommendations
1	Continue to explore the development of an initiative to support Elderly and vulnerable people	Continued participation on the Galway Age Friendly Alliance.	Continuous ongoing task	Ongoing
2	Support the re-establishment of regular meetings between ethnic minorities and the Garda Ethnic Liaison Officers Seek a representative to join the JPC Subcommittee who would represent Ethnic Minorities	Map out a calendar of events taking place and participate in these events e.g. Africa Day, Social Inclusion Week, World Refugee Day.	Calendar compiled and ethnic minority representative sought	Complete
3	Hold at least one JPC meeting in each of the local communities (or should this be local area committees?) during the lifetime of the plan	Next public meeting to take place in a suitable community setting in the Galway City East e.g. Ballybane Community Centre	Did not take place	Not possible in 2021 due to Covid-19 restrictions
4	Provide support and assistance to Claddagh Watch to prevent loss of lives	Receive a presentation from Claddagh Watch	Presentation received from Claddagh Watch (Arthur Carr)	Complete