



Kerry Joint Policing Committee





Annual Report 2018

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Forewords

Councillor Niall Kelleher, Chair of the Kerry JPC

Welcome to the third annual report of the Kerry Joint Policing Committee. Throughout the past year, the JPC continued to play a valuable role in providing strategic linkages and strong channels of communication between An Garda Siochána, Kerry County Council and the wider community in matters of policing and safety.

The JPC also provides a level of local democratic oversight of the Gardai's work within County Kerry through the forum it provides to elected representatives and those representing community and voluntary organisations to raise matters of mutual concern.



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 in advancing the programme. I would like to compliment the Gardaí at all levels in Kerry for their work with and for our communities and in particular Chief Supt Myers for his work during his term in Kerry and we look forward to working with Chief Supt Foster.

Chief Superintendent Eileen Foster, Kerry Division, An Garda Siochána



It is a great honour for me to be appointed to the role of Chief Superintendent in the Kerry Division, although I'm only in the position a couple of weeks I am fully au fait with the significant progress that the Joint Policing Committee have made in the year gone by. 2018 was a significant year for An Garda Síochána, marking a period of modernization and renewal. 2018 also marked an increase in the number of Garda members deployed to Roads Policing and Divisional Drugs Units in the Kerry Division. The past number of months have also seen the introduction of the first ever Protective Services Unit in the Kerry Division. The introduction of this Unit will ensure that vulnerable victims of sexual crimes receive the highest level of service in the Kerry Division. I am acutely aware of the important role

that An Garda Siochána play in our community and look forward to working to enhance the lives of the community we serve. I intend to focus on the fundamentally important aspects of policing with a view to making people feel safer in our communities and on our roads. Increased numbers of Garda members will be trained to carry out high visibility mountain bike patrols in the Division and I also intend to introduce measures to address Crimes against the person and Drug Crime. Additional Garda members will supplement the Divisional Roads Policing Unit to boost Road safety in the Kerry Division and combat Drink and Drug Driving. I look forward with enthusiasm and commitment to working with the Joint Policing Committee to serve the community.

Moira Murrell, Chief Executive, Kerry County Council

The data presented in this report and reviewed during the year at the JPC meetings clearly shows Kerry is a safe place to visit and to live in, with low crime rates contributing to the great quality of life we enjoy here and to the positive experiences of overseas visitors who contribute to the economy and vibrancy of our county.

Establishing good working relationships and the trust and support of the public contributes to a safe and resilient county and I commend An Garda Síochána for their commitment to working with Kerry County Council on matters of mutual interest.



We will continue to work on building strong relationships between our respective organisations for the betterment of our county and the quality of life or citizens and visitors alike.





Kerry Joint Policing Committee:

About the JPC

The Joint Policing Committee (JPC) aims to develop greater consultation, cooperation and synergy on policing and crime issues between An Garda Síochána, Local Authorities and elected local representatives and also facilitate the participation of the community and voluntary sectors in this regard.

The function of the JPCs is set out in section 36(2) of the Garda Síochána Act, which states: "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 & 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,

(e) co-ordinate the activities of local policing fora,

(f) 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.





Strategic and Annual Plans:

The Strategic Plan was prepared and published in 2016 in accordance with the JPC guidelines¹ & includes a list of strategic objectives, with links to Actions required to achieve these, the lead and key agencies involved and the outcomes to be populated (by sub committees). The sub-committees advance the actions in the plan and determine the priority of the actions – short/medium and long term.

It should be noted, as per the Guidelines (Code S. 2.7 & 2.8) that the JPC role is to make inputs to Policing plans and Local Authority plans and policies. While its focus is on outcomes, it can only produce advice and recommendations to the agencies, which control resourcing and establish policy (and bye-laws). Revised guidelines for the establishment, operation and strategic focus of the Joint Policing Committee were published in 2014 and were outlined to the members at their initial meeting.

The role of the Kerry JPC is to serve as a forum for consultation, discussions, and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the Kerry County Council's administrative area.

The Garda Division of Kerry does not serve the entire County, in that a small area of East Kerry (around Gneeveguila and Rathmore) is part of the Cork West Division.

The Chief Superintendent for Kerry has agreed to liaise with her colleague in Cork West to ensure that JPC matters are effectively communicated and consistent in these parts of the County.

The JPC holds quarterly meetings and is also obliged to hold at least one public meeting a year wherein members of the public can submit advance questions for discussion at the public meeting.

The six-year JPC plan must develop a number of priority Objectives which must then be actioned and progress monitored and reported on annually.

¹ JPC Guidelines issued by the Ministers of Justice and Environment, Community & Local Govt, August 2014





Membership & Meetings of the JPC:

The Joint Policing Committee has been established as a singular JPC for the entire geographic area of the county and comprises 5 Oireachtas Members, 15 elected Council members, 7 members of the Public Participation Network, the Garda Chief Superintendent and one of her staff and the Chief Executive of Kerry County Council or her Deputy and a Director of Services.

Joint Policing Committees Membership

Local authority elected members	Oireachtas elected members	Local authority official	An Garda Síochána	Community
15	5	2	2	7

- Any Oireachtas member who is not a member of the committee can attend at any meeting without prior notice.
- Senior Gardaí and Council officials can be asked to attend meetings of the JPC and of its subcommittees.
- The local press is also invited to meetings of the JPC. An advertised Public meeting will be held each year (S. 7 of the Guidelines).

Sub-Committees

There are four sub-committees of the JPC which meet at least once per quarter to advance the Action Plan. Each sub-committee is chaired by a Councillor, with Council management, Garda management and PPN/Community representation and participation, as well as co-opted members as needed. These work in the four strategic areas

- Crime Data & Information
- Community Crime Prevention & Response
- Road Safety
- Community Cohesion

There is also a JPC Executive which meets periodically to manage the JPC.

Local Policing Fora

The establishment of *Local Policing Fora* was a 2018 Annual plan objective. The pilot LPF was to be established in Ballyspillane (Killarney), reporting into the Community Cohesion sub-committee. Areas for LPF in the other two Garda Divisions (Rath Oraig, Tralee and Ballyduff, Listowel) were identified by PPN reps.





Strategic Themes & Objectives of the Kerry JPC Plan:

Five strategic themes form the basis for Objectives in our JPC Strategic plan. These have been derived and influenced by the following inputs:

- National JPC guidelines
- The Kerry Local Economic & Community Plan
- An Garda Síochána Community Policing model
- Scoping by JPC members in their inaugural meeting

1) Enhance governance structures and dialogue between stakeholders to understand the causes of anti-social behaviour crime, prevent crime, improve crime detections and prosecutions and contribute to improvements to the Quality of Life of the citizens of Kerry.

2) Developing & Understanding crime in the county and its relationship with other economic and social activities.

3) Enhancing the Community role in crime prevention and response.

- 4) Making our roads safer for all users.
- 5) Improving community cohesion and reducing anti-social activities.

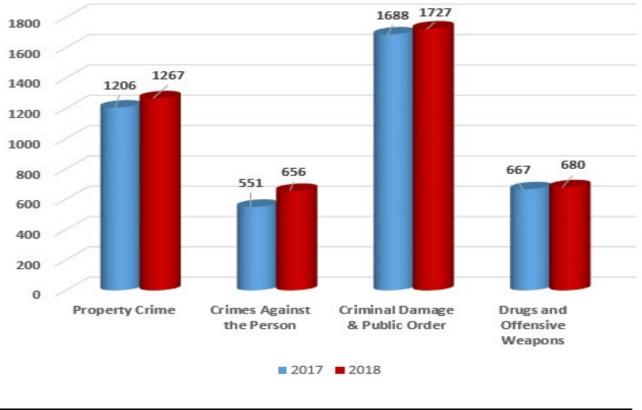




Review of Crime in Kerry 2018

The data below has copied from the Chief Superintendent's presentation to the January 2019 meeting of the JPC. The data has been sourced from PULSE.

Comparative Crimes Summary 2018



Headline crime categories: - 2017 vs 2018

2017	1206	551	1688	667
2018	1267	656	1727	680
% Change	5%	19%	2%	2%

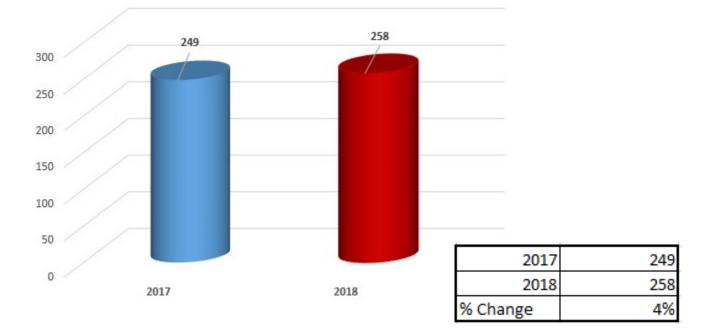


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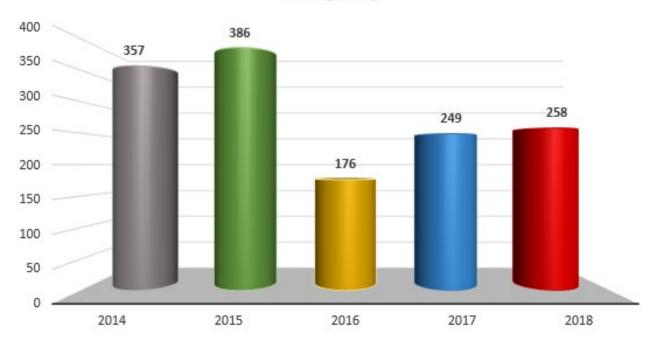


Property Crime

Burglary 2017 vs 2018



Burglary: 5-year crime trend

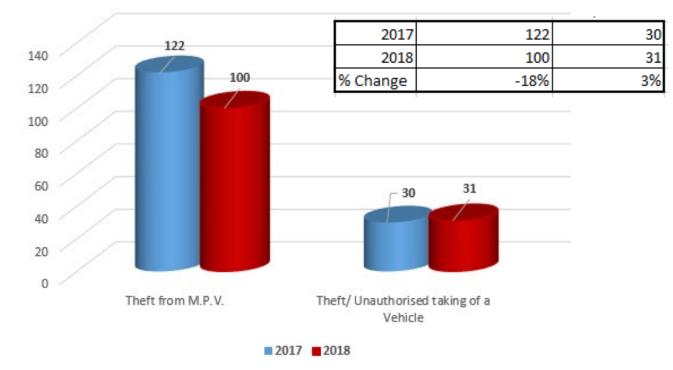


Burglary

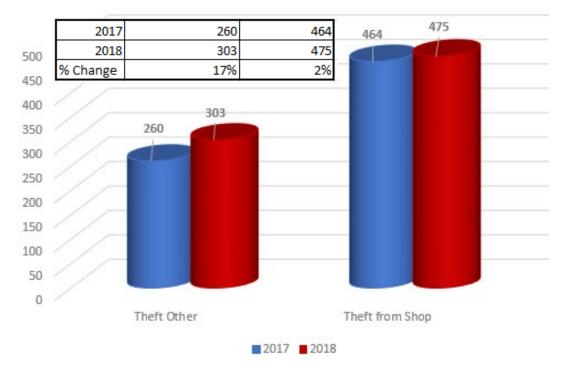




Theft of and from Vehicles



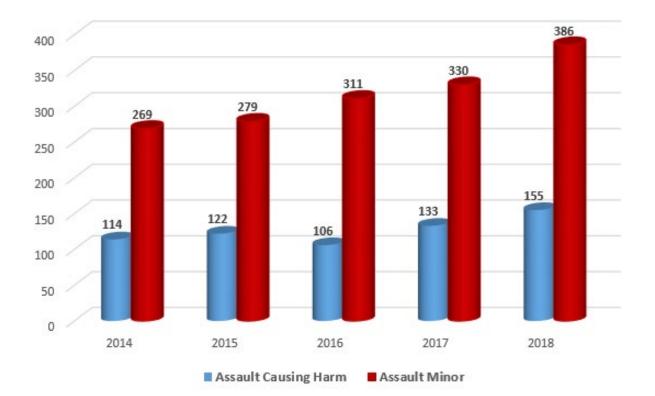
Thefts







Crimes Against the Person - Assaults

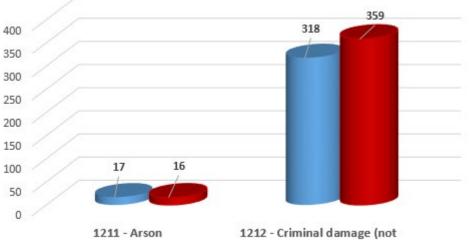






Criminal Damage and Public Order

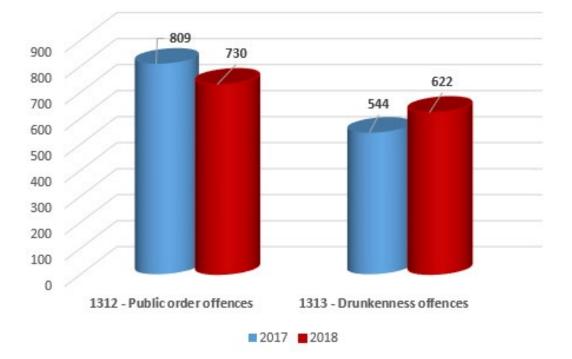
Criminal Damage



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2017 2018	2017	17	318
	2018	16	359
	% Change	-6%	13%

Public Order

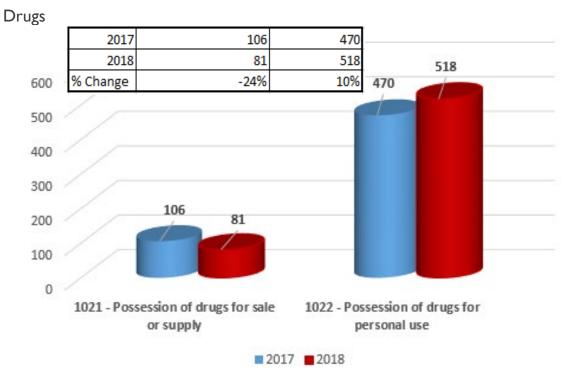


2017	809	544
2018	730	622
% Change	-10%	14%

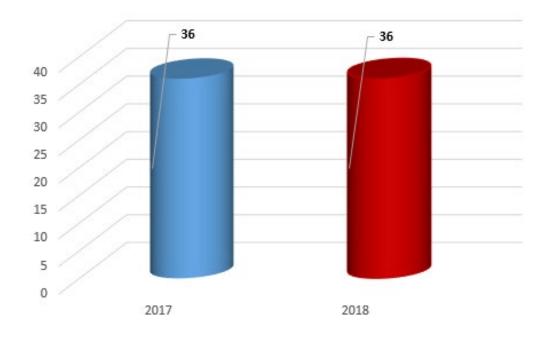




Drugs & Offensive Weapons



Possession of Offensive Weapons

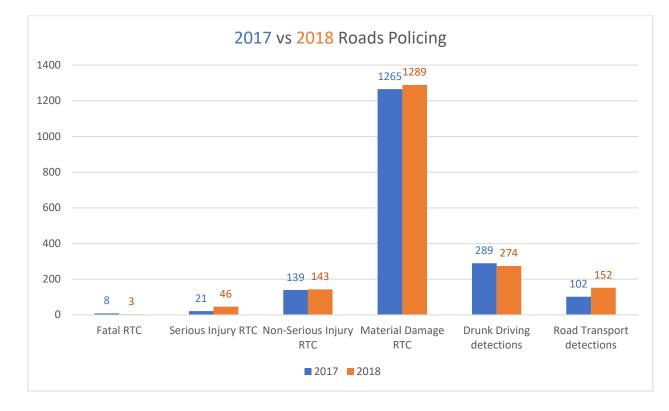




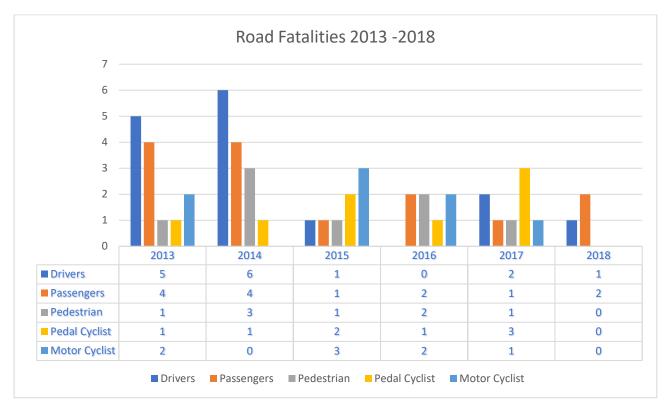


Roads Policing Data

Headline Data 2017 vs 2018



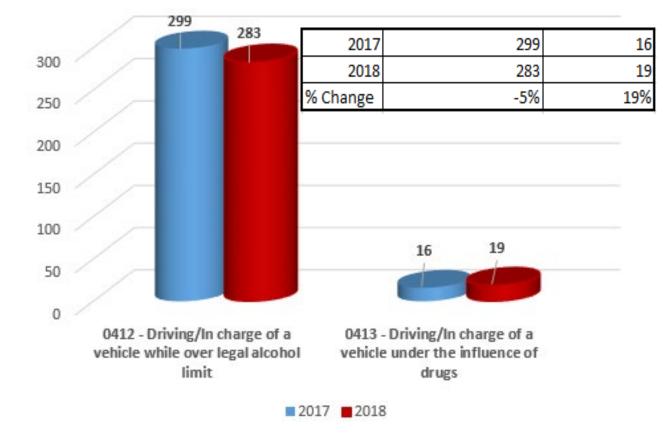
Roads Fatalities by User type (6-year profile)



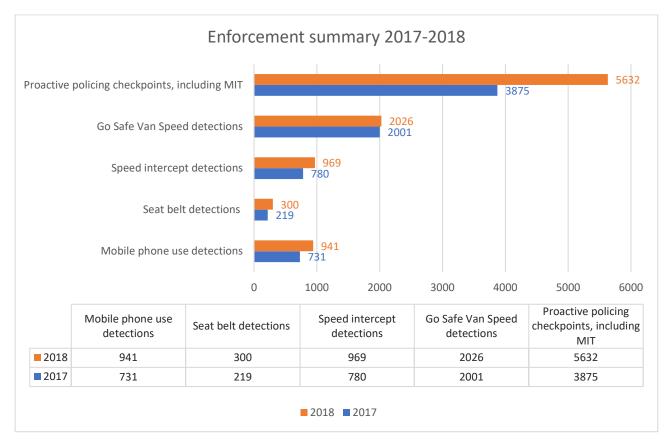




Driving while Intoxicated



Other Roads Policing Enforcement Data







Tracking Progress Against Annual & Strategic Plan:

The Annual Report is required by the JPC Guidelines to contain a report on progress against the Action Plan				
High Priority Items	Strategic Objectives (Please list in the same order as on JPC Annual Work Plan)	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 – identify specific recommendations made	Results of advice / recommendations – identify the feedback received from the local authority / Gardaí
Enhance governance and dialogue between stakeholders	1.2 Establish aSteering Group(JPC Guidelines S.11)	Group Established and providing good co- ordination	n/a	n/a
statenoiders	1.3 Establish Sub-committees	Four Subcommittees established and meeting quarterly	n/a	n/a
	1.4 Devise a Six Year Strategy	Strategy devised and approved by JPC members	n/a	n/a
	1.5 Prepare, review & submit Annual JPC Plans	Annual Plan submitted to Annual JPC meeting	n/a	n/a
Developing & Understanding crime in the county	2.1 Develop sample data set using recorded crime data to show where certain classes of crime have taking place in the County over a period ²	Jan 2018 - KCC demonstrated capability to produce maps when data is provided- using manual data for Burglaries at the Small Area Level in 2016 /2017 April 2018 – Data provided by AGS in electronic format sought – published on new JPC website	Extend crime data mapping to other categories. Produce periodic updates for these categories.	Seeking Garda Analysis assistance nationally to extend crime data mapping to other categories.
	2.4 Disseminate approved real crime information to the public	Quarterly and annual crime data reviewed at sub-committee level prior to full JPC publication		Information and narrative on crime put into the public domain helping to reassure public of the safe county they live in and visit.
Enhancing the Community role in crime prevention and response.	3.1 Review Community CCTV initiatives and other CCTV initiatives & experiences to influence a Community CCTV strategy	Minister for Justice & Equality contacted by the JPC with request to: (i) make it easier for communities to participate through increased funding and access to expert services	Need to also resolve Data Protection issues and roles as outlined.	

² Subject to confirmation that An Garda Síochána can provide this data in a fashion that does not impact on operations or victim privacy.





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Promoting the safety of roads users in County Kerry	3.2 Review Community Text Alert and other Community awareness, prevent & response schemes in the County. 4.1 Review traffic enforcement data and accident data and aid the development of appropriate promotional and operational safety responses by the RSWTG.	 (ii) to reduce duplication in the process of grant funding and (iii) to open up the scheme to legacy CCTV towns. Community Alerts as well as Community Text Alert schemes and related schemes reviewed at the sub- committee level. Seen as a key community safety support. Mapping is being prepared for the JPC and the public (Annual meeting) to identify current active schemes in the County and to encourage communities to become involved Establishment of See Something Say Something App and service in Tralee A Road Safety Working Together Group (RSWTG) had already been established in each Local Authority area under the national Road Safety Strategy 2013-2020 to co-ordinate multi-agency road safety policy RSA/AGS/ and implementation at a local level. Crossover with the JPC sub-committee group ensures that the JPC members concerns were reflected in the plan Road Collisions data and Road Collisions data and Road enforcement data 	As many communities as possible should be included in Alert Schemes, Neighbourhood watch and Text Alert schemes. Munitir na Tire and Garda Community officers can assist community groups in getting established quickly. Tralee Garda Division requested to improve the response to and utilisation of Community Text alert messages. JPC members made recommendations to the Roads Policing Unit and Chief Superintendent in relation to specific campaigns – Rally of the Lakes, drink driving and mobile phone campaigns. Recommendations also made to Minister for Justice, RSA and Minister for Education in relation to specific initiatives and safety campaigns.	Actions taken to improve the response and utilisation of Community Alert in the Tralee Division taken – which should reflect in the 2019 BeAlert data. See Something Say Something very successful in Tralee Town centre, consider extension to other areas in 2019. Significant improvements in road and public safety issues at the 2018 Rally of Lakes weekend. Publicised via JPC local campaigns on four life saver initiatives, 1.5m cycling safety campaign, provision of a safe cycling stand at the Ring of Kerry event, local RPU support for AXA education event in Autumn 2018
	4.2 Develop a multi-agency Road	reflected in the plan	relation to specific initiatives and safety	support for AXA education event in
	Series Roomed			and actions for



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Safety Policy for the county.	and reviewed including at JPC	follow-up by each agency.
	Progress reviewed at each JPC sub-committee.	2018 had zero road deaths in the Vulnerable Road Users categories but we are concerned with the increase in serious Injury RTC's



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Other Items	Strategic Objectives	Summarise the actions taken and	Summarise the advice given by the	Results of advice / recommendations –
	(Please list in the same order as on JPC Annual Work Plan)	the progress achieved during the year and any significant difficulties which were encountered	JPC give to the local authority / Gardaí – identify specific recommendations made	identify the feedback received from the local authority / Gardaí
Enhance governance and dialogue between stakeholders	I.6 Develop a Communications Strategy for the JPC	Draft JPC Communications Strategy developed in 2017 Website developed launched at JPC annual meeting in	n/a	n/a
	1.7 Prepare a Kerry Community Safety Strategy to include the identification of vulnerable/priority groups and the strategic multi agency responses required to address identified issues.	2018 Priority groups identified in 2017 for engagement via the Community Cohesion - Older people - Youth - Non national / migrant communities - Travellers Engagement with 3 via special workshops in 2018 and fourth postponed and scheduled for 2019	Very good engagements with a range of follow-up actions for stakeholders.	Continue engagement with these segments. Consider JPC and sub-committee membership
Improving community cohesion and reducing anti- social activities Enhancing the Community role in crime prevention and response	3.3 Develop relationships between community groups and Community Gardaí resources	Three areas identified for Local Policing Fora in 2017 for setup in 2018 - Ballyspillane (Killarney), - Rath Oraig (Tralee) and - Ballyduff (Listowel) Ballyspillane LPF established with Residents / Community reps, Councillors, service providers and AGS on board.	Extend to other areas after pilot. Community reps happy with engagement and progress.	LPF is working well from the agencies perspective
	3.4 Develop relationships between retail business groups and Community Gardaí resources	Purple flags now in place in Killarney and Tralee. See Something say Something reporting		





	5.4 Assess town centre safety issues and data relating to night time activity in particular with a view to making our towns safe for visitors and local people to engage in recreational and economic activities.	of low-level crime and anti-social behaviour in Tralee.		
Promoting the safety of roads users in County Kerry	4.3 Develop an Annual Action Plan to promote Road Safety measures	The Road Safety Plan includes an annual programme which meets this objective.	JPC used as vehicle to promote Be Safe Be Seen Winter campaign in local media for vulnerable users.	No VRU deaths in 2018 – need to ensure continued vigilance with safety messages for and about these users.





Key Achievements (Item #2 JPC Guidelines Annual Report)

Item 2 in an Annual Report required by the JPC Guidelines is to list at least three key successes in the period

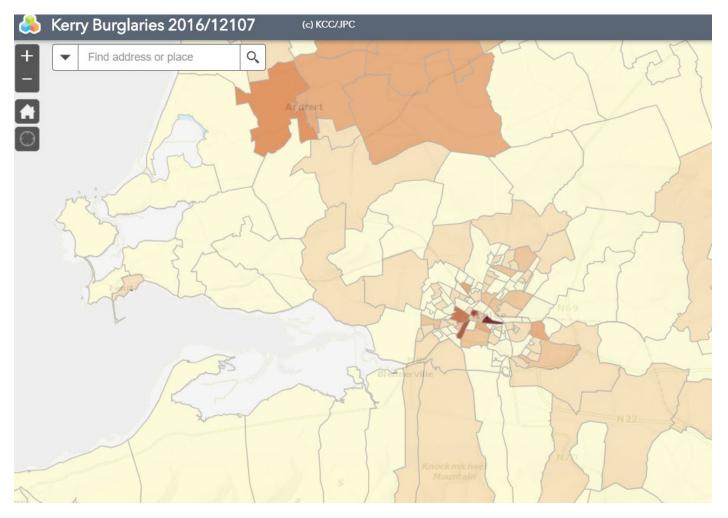
Achievement #1: Road Safety – no Vulnerable Road User deaths in Kerry in 2018.

The JPC Roads Safety Sub-committee and the Roads Safety Working Together Group (comprised of agencies) are pleased to report that there were no deaths during 2018 of cyclists, motor cyclists and pedestrians. Key safety education messages, enforcement campaigns and engineering work at local and national level are contributing to a general reduction in road collision deaths but continued vigilance and re-enforcement is called for to ensure that death of and serious injury to Vulnerable Road Users in the County is minimised.

Achievement #2: Published sample crime mapping.

Using manual data furnished by Garda management in the Kerry division, Kerry County Council mapped the locations of burglaries in the County during 2016 and 2017 for the JPC.

Using CSO Small Areas, the mapping helps stakeholders focus on locations of incidents and also provide most members of the public with assurances that their area has low incident of burglaries and a low risk from this class of crime. This is especially so in areas with active Community Alert areas. These Crime data maps were published to the JPC website (jpc.kerrycoco.ie) in April 2018.







Achievement # 3 Road Safety: Data-led enforcement Pilot

Maximum speed .

A data sharing pilot has been commenced whereby Kerry County Council will furnish the Roads Policing Unit with data from a number of Speed Information signs in the county, highlighting areas where excessive speed may be an issue and the times of such speeding.



Comhchoiste Póilíneachta - Contae Chiarraí County Kerry - Joint Policing Committee N86 East of Annascaul village: #Records vs Speed 350 3000 0200 <u>-</u>1500 1000 500 Speed (km/h) Statistics Period: Monday 27 August 2018, 00:12 o'clock to Sunday 16 September 2018, 23:55 o'clock 26516 Number of records .. Va 66.9 km/h Average speed 82 km/h 85% of the vehicles are driving slower or up to ... V85 SIERZEGA 134 km/h

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Achievement # 4 Local Policing Forum Established.

Ballyspillane - Killarney saw the establishment of establishment of the first Local Policing Forum in the County.

The bringing together of Community Gardaí, Residents, elected Councillors and service provision agencies has led to better engagement on Community Safety matters and a number of new initiatives.

Stakeholders have provided positive feedback to encourage other LPF's earmarked for establishment in Kerry to proceed using similar Terms of Reference.







Achievement # 5 See Something Say Something

Tralee Gardaí recognise that we can only achieve safer towns, villages and countryside's by working closely with our community. The "**See Something, Say Something**" initiative is a perfect example of how Tralee Gardaí and the community can work together to make a town a safer place.

In a nutshell, the initiative allows any member of the public to report, anti-social or suspicious behaviour via text message.

Instantly Connecting with Our Community

Launched in July 2018, "**See Something, Say Something**" is the first of its kind in Ireland allowing anybody with a mobile telephone to text An Garda Síochána if they hear or see something that doesn't seem quite right.

A collaboration between Tralee Chamber Alliance and An Garda Síochána, it creates an extra channel of communications between the community and Gardaí and best of all it's instant.

Does it Work?

The initiative was piloted from the July 31st to September 17th and in that time Tralee Gardaí responded to **146** Text Messages with an average response time of **9' 33''**. Solely as a result of this initiative, **11** Arrests were made resulting in **10** prosecutions. In the majority of cases of Anti-Social Behaviour, Gardaí were able to respond to an area and deal with the issues before a potential crime was committed. Gardaí also received information regarding illegal drug activity.

The initiative set out to target anti-social behaviour and it certainly achieved this as 95 of the 146 text messages received were in this category.

Our Community

This initiative has allowed the public to report an incident anonymously and do their part to make Tralee a safer place. It increases engagement between An Garda Síochána and the community and allows more information to flow, resulting in more action being taken.

It has also allowed Tralee Gardaí to assign uniform Gardaí to beats where they are needed which can change on a weekly and even a daily basis.

What's Next?

Tralee Gardaí are currently promoting the use of "**See Something, Say Something**" in residential estates across the Tralee area. Anti-social behaviour in such estates is always a cause for concern and this initiative will not only



make it easier for residents to report such incidents, but will also give peace of mind and reduce fear.

It is hoped that by the end of 2019, **"See Something, Say Something"** will be operating in Killarney and Listowel with talks already advance in this regard.







Achievement # 6 Garda Youth Achievement Awards:

On the 25th of January 2019, the Annual Lee Strand/Garda Youth Achievement Awards were held at the Ballyroe Heights Hotel, Tralee. This was the 21st year of the awards in the Kerry Garda Division.

The Lee Strand/Garda Youth Achievement Awards acknowledges the great contribution young people have made and continue to make to their communities in Kerry, as well as those who have demonstrated great resilience and personal growth in difficult circumstances. Well over 100 nominations are received each year, and it is down to a judging panel which consists of a member of An Garda Síochána (Chief Supt.), the General Manager from Lee Strand, and a number of Community Representatives to decide on the award winners. There are 20 Merit Award recipients, a Group Award, a Community Safety Award, a Special Achievement Award, and the Overall Winner



Achievement # 7 Rose of Tralee Festival:



On the 18th of August, 2018, during the International Rose of Tralee Festival, Tralee Garda Community Policing Unit in conjunction with the Roads Policing Unit, and the Road Safety Authority (RSA), held an open day at Abbeycourt, Tralee.

An Garda Síochána had an information stand with road safety awareness and crime prevention literature, along with various Garda vehicles on display, whilst the RSA had a mobile roadshow unit with various simulation exercises, and a Shuttle and Roll Road Crash Simulator.

Achievement # 8 Municipal District – Quarterly Local Crime Briefings:

Briefings were held in each of the four Municipal Districts on a quarterly basis. This has facilitated Garda management at a local level to engage with Elected members on local community safety crime issues. It also ensures that the full JPC can focus on more strategic areas.





Community Alert Groups Active in the County – from 2017

Tralee District

Killarney District

Blackwater Templenoe Cromane **Castlemaine Keel Boolteens** Currow Currans **Dromid Mastergeeha** Gneeveguilla Glenbeigh Kilgarven Kilcummin **Kilcoolaght NW** Killorglin Tuosist Kenmare Dawros Lauragh Listry - Miltown Lissivigeen Fossa **Firies Ballyhar** Caherdaniel Caherciveen **Ballinskelligs** Beaufort Portmagee **Mucross**

Sneem

Kells Foilmore Waterville Glenflesk Headford Valencia

Gneeveguilla (West Cork) Rathmore (West Cork)

Annascaul **Kilmoyley and Ardfert** Abbeydorney Kilflynn An Leith Triúigh Cloghane Ballinorig Ballymacelliot Ballyroe/Clogherbrien Castleisland Castlegregory Castlemaine / Keel Clahane Camp Currow Currans Curraheen Derryquay. Inch Lispole Fenit Tullig

Tullig Pobal ar Aire Baile na Gall Ventry

Churchhill

Listowel District

Abbeydorney - Kilflynn Asdee Ballylongford Ballydonoghue Ballybunnion Ballyheigue Ballyduff Brosna Causeway Duagh Knocknagoshel Kilmoyley Killacrin Meenleitrim - Loughfouder Listowel Lixnaw Lyreacrompane Moyvane Irremore Rathea-Irremore Tarbert Knockanure

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Community Text Alert schemes 2018

There are currently 58 active BeAlert schemes with over 4,500 subscribers. Causeway, Whitebridge and Woodlawn are three areas added in 2018.

This does not include the large IFA text alert scheme, or 2 Community Phone based schemes in Ballymcelliggott and Kilcummin.

	Listowel	Killarney	West Cork
Tralee Garda District	Garda District	Garda District	Garda District
Annascaul	Asdee	Beaufort	Rathmore
		Blackwater	Gneeveguilla
Ballyroe Clogherbrien	Ballydonoghue	Templenoe	
Ballyduff Tralee	Ballybunion	Caherciveen	
Castlemaine Keel	Ballylongford	Caherdaniel	
Castlegregory	Ballyheigue	Dromid	
Churchill Kerry	Brosna	Foilmore Kells	
Clahane	Causeway	Glenflesk	
	Duagh	Glen	
Coiste Pobail Bhaile na nGall		Ballinskelligs	
Currow	Irremore	Glenbeigh	
Curraheen	Knocknagoshel	Kilgarvan	
Kilmoyley	Knockanure	Killorglin	
Lios Poil	Listowel	Kilcoolacht	
Pobal ar aire an Leithtriuich	Lixnaw	Milltown Listry	
Tullig	Lyreacrompane	Muckross	
	Meinleitrim	Portmagee	
	Loughfouder		
	Moyvane	Tuosist	
	Tarbert	Valentia Island	
	Causeway	Waterville	
		Whitebridge	
		Woodlawn	





2018 Community Text Alerts performance data – Muintir na Tíre:

Community Text alert is a major crime prevention and response tool in this County and the widespread utilisation of the traditional text alert and the newer App based approach (Cairde) contributes towards lower crimes against property rates than is evident in other parts of the Country.

Property Log Books & Property marking practices

These Community Groups not only help with responsible alerting of suspicious behaviours, but also encourage other good crime prevention practices – in particular the marking of equipment and the maintaining of Property log books by households, farms and small businesses.

Research has shown that areas where property logs and markings are in place are less susceptible to theft / burglary activity as the criminals know that items stolen can be traced. Such items when recovered by Gardai are easier to maintain.

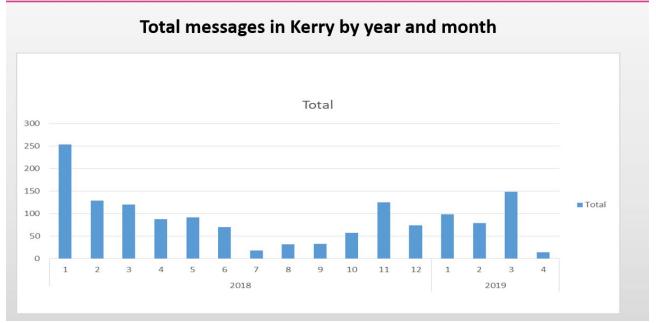
Two key messages from this JPC are:

- 1. Householders, farmers and small business should maintain a Property Log Book
- 2. Householders should join crime prevention schemes such as Community Text Alert, Community Alert and Neighbourhood watch.

Community Text Alert Profile

Cairde - Analytics





Winter months are the busiest time for Community Text alert activities and Cairde App messages. There is a correlation with burglary / theft which matches.





2018 BeAlert & Cairde Text Alert volume by Garda District

Cairde - Analytics



By Garda District in Kerry by year 800 700 600 500 V 400 2019 300 2018 200 100 0 Killarney Listowell Tralee West Cork

Use of Community Text Alert in the Tralee Garda District was flagged by the JPC as an area for improvement in 2018 and consequently we have already seen greater utilisation of the system in the Tralee District during 2019 and expect further increased usage of this resource going forward.

Cairde - Analytics



By Garda District in Kerry by year and month 250 200 garda distr... 🔻 West Cork 150 ■ Tralee 100 Listowell Killarnev 50 0 1 2 3 9 10 11 12 3 6 1 2 2018 2019





List of Public Meetings (Item #3 JPC Guidelines Annual Report)

Item 3 in an Annual Report required by the JPC Guidelines is to list public meetings in the period.

Each full Kerry JPC meeting is open to the public and the press are invited. Each meeting receives significant coverage of issues raised in local radio, print and online media. The Annual Meeting (April 20th 2018) was our second full Public meeting. Members of the public were invited to attend and to submit questions or issues in advance.

Advertisements were placed in the local media and promoted on social media by Kerry County Council and An Garda Síochána inviting members of the public to attend and to submit questions or issues.

Meeting details (Item #4 JPC Guidelines Annual Report)

Item 4 in the Annual Report required by the JPC Guidelines is to list the meetings held in the period.

Full JPC Meetings:		•	-	
Membership	April 20 th , 2018	June 22 nd , 2018	October 5 th , 2018	Jan 18 th ,2019
Туре				
Chair	Cllr. N Kelleher	Cllr. N Kelleher	Cllr. N Kelleher	Cllr. N Kelleher
Kerry County	Mr. C O'Sullivan,	Mr. C O'Sullivan,	Mr. C O'Sullivan,	Mr. C O'Sullivan,
Council	Deputy Chief	Deputy Chief	Deputy Chief	Deputy Chief
Executive	Executive &	Executive &	Executive &	Executive & Director
	Director of	Director of	Director of	of Services
	Services	Services	Services	
				Mr. C. O'Connor,
	Mr. J. Breen,	Mr. C. O'Connor,	Mr. C. O'Connor,	Director of Services
	Director of	Director of	Director of	
	Services	Services	Services	Mr. B. Looney, JPC
				Administrator,
	Mr. B. Looney, JPC	Mr. B. Looney, JPC	Mr. B. Looney, JPC	
	Administrator,	Administrator,	Administrator,	
An Garda	Chief	Chief	Chief	Superintendent D.
Síochána	Superintendent T.	Superintendent T.	Superintendent T.	Keane
	Myers, Kerry	Myers, Kerry	Myers, Kerry	
	Division	Division	Division	
	Sgt. M. Fleming, Divisional Office	Sgt. M. Fleming, Divisional Office	Sgt. M. Fleming, Divisional Office	Sgt. J. O'Donnell Divisional Office
Community	Mr. D. Hennebry,	Ms. C. O'Leary,	Ms. C. O'Leary, B-	Ms. C. O'Leary, B-
Pillar	Jigsaw Kerry /	BFRC & PPN	FRC & PPN	FRC & PPN
	Young People			
	Mr. M. Culloty, Killarney Chamber	Mr. D. Hennebry, Jigsaw Kerry / Young People	Mr. Bill Morrell, PPN	Mr. D. Hennebry, Jigsaw Kerry / Young People
	of Commerce and Tourism	Mr. Bill Morrell, PPN		Mr. S. Roche, PPN

Full JPC Meetings:



COMHCHOISTE PÓILÍNEACHTA - CONTAE CHIARRAÍ County Kerry - Joint Policing Committee



Members of Kerry County Council	Cllr. J. Sheahan Cllr. D. O'Grady Cllr. B. Cronin Cllr. J. Moloney Cllr. M. Kennelly Cllr. T. Barry Cllr. J.F. Flynn	Mr. M. Culloty, Killarney Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Cllr. T. McEllistrim Cllr. J. Finucane Cllr. S. Locke Cllr. D. O'Grady Cllr. J. Moloney Cllr. M. Kennelly Cllr. D. Quigg Cllr. P. Connor- Scarteen Cllr. M. Cahill	Cllr. J.J. Culloty Cllr. D. O'Grady Cllr. T. Barry	Mr. Bill Morrell, PPN Mr. S. Quinlan, PPN Cllr. T. McEllistrim Cllr. P. Daly Cllr. J. Finucane Cllr. J. Finucane Cllr. J. Sheahan Cllr. J. Sheahan Cllr. B. Cronin Cllr. J. Moloney Cllr. J. Moloney Cllr. M. Kennelly Cllr. T. Barry
Oireachtas Members	Senator P. Coghlan		Senator P. Coghlan	Cllr. D. Quigg Cllr. M. Cahill Senator P. Coghlan
In attendance	Mr. D. Cronin, Community Alert Development Officer, Muintir Na Tire Superintendent D. Keane – Listowel District Superintendent J. O'Connor – Tralee District Inspector A. Sugrue Inspector P. Kennedy Detective Superintendent D. Daly K. Shelly, Policing Authority H. Hall, Policing Authority	Superintendent F. Murphy, Killarney District Inspector D. Ashe – Tralee District Inspector A. Sugrue, Traffic Corp Inspector L. Wallace Mr. D. Cronin, Community Alert Development Officer, Muintir Na Tire B. Stephenson, Tralee Chamber Alliance	Mr. Brian Looney, JPC Administrator, Kerry County Council Superintendent D. Keane – Listowel District Inspector L. Wallace Sgt. M. Fleming Mr. D Cronin, Muintir na Tire B. Stephenson, Tralee Chamber Alliance T. Lynch, CAB P. Clavin, CAB	Superintendent D. Keane – Tralee District for Chief Superintendent T. Myers Superintendent F. Murphy, Killarney District Inspector A. Sugrue, Traffic Corp Inspector P. Kennedy Sgt. J. O'Donnell Mr. D Cronin, Muintir na Tire B. Stephenson, Tralee Chamber Alliance V. O'Leary Kerry Rape & Sexual Assault Centre B. English, Garda Press Officer