

Annual Report of Monaghan Joint Policing Committee for year: 2018

ITEM 1 – Summary of progress in implementing the JPC’s work programme

	Strategic Objectives	Summary of actions taken & progress achieved during the year, and any significant difficulties which were encountered	Summary of advice given by the JPC to local authority/Gardai, specific recommendations made	Results of advice given – feedback received from LA/ Gardai
	High priority objectives			
1	Policing Communities	<p>Work in the county to address teenage drinking continues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prove It’s Me ID Campaign – initiative aimed to reduce false IDs among young people and to prevent alcohol abuse with the support of license premises and vintners. - Don’t Pour Your Dreams Away involves delivering a message directly into the schools in the week leading up to the release of the Junior Cert results. <p>Both programmes are delivered via a collaborative approach, involving a large number of stakeholders and agencies, and using the relationships built through the JPC to</p>	<p>Acting on advice of JPC, it was agreed to broaden the campaign and deliver to a younger age group.</p>	<p>Comhairle na nOg were asked to consider how to adapt the current Junior cert programme to target 1st and 2nd years. They presented their recommendations to the JPC PC sub ctee in April 2019.</p>

		<p>deliver practical interventions on the ground.</p> <p>CCTV for Monaghan town centre – delayed due to GDPR concerns on the part of the Local Authority.</p> <p>JPC collaborated to bring the Lithuanian community together with Monaghan County Museum and others to organise an event to mark Lithuanian Statehood Day – in a civic space used by the general community, and in an event publicised to the general community. This was a big step for the Lithuanian community in reaching out to the wider population</p>		
2	Crime Prevention	<p>Launch of the country's first Property Marking Scheme</p> <p>Development of county-wide Garda Alerts messaging service, co-ordinating all 26 local text alert groups into one streamlined service.</p>	<p>Monaghan JPC developed all systems and support material around the scheme. These are now in use by 8 other counties which have launched their own schemes since.</p> <p>To support the local groups, which were struggling under the administrative weight of GDPR, and to simplify the sending out of messages from the Garda perspective</p>	<p>Gardai report a marked decrease in theft across Co Monaghan</p> <p>Procurement completed in December 2018</p>
3	Road Safety	<p>As the Council's Road Safety Together Committee is now up and running, and is now</p>		

		putting in place a Strategy for Road Safety for the county, it is proposed that the work of the RSTC will supersede that of the Road Safety sub-committee, which was meant only as an interim measure pending the establishment of the RSTC.		
	Other Objectives			
	To use the high media profile of the JPC to raise public awareness of issues of high priority in the county	Presentations were delivered by: 1. Criminal Assets Bureau – Chief Supt. Patrick Clavin 2. Garda Cyber Crime Unit - Detective Sergeant Adrian Kelly 3. MCC Housing Section presented the Revised Anti Social Behavior Policy These received significant coverage by the local media as a result.		
	To be an effective voice			

ITEM 2 – Highlight 3 key achievements of the JPC during the year & explain why they are considered to be significant

We have spent much of 2018 co-ordinating the 26 local community alert and text alert groups and securing their buy-in to the proposed new amalgamated county-wide messaging service. This was finally achieved in the autumn, and procurement concluded in December. The system is now in place, and has been active since February 2019. It will be launched officially on April 25th

The property marking scheme continues to be a fantastic success. The machine has been out constantly throughout 2018, with community groups and sports clubs organising marking events in their areas. The IFA has also been supportive. The JPC has advised several other JPC's on setting up their own scheme, and there are now 8 other counties operating schemes, and 14 machines in operation around the country. All are using the same signage, which is provided by the national charity, Property Marking Ireland. The ordering system for the signs and stickers was designed by Monaghan Co Co.

The decision by the JPC to once again expand its 'Don't Pour Your Dreams Away' campaign, this time to target a younger audience, has been borne out by the recently published WHO report into

teenage drinking behaviours which once again listed Ireland as one of the worst countries in the world for binge drinking amongst adolescents. Research also shows that almost 50% of those who drink alcohol before the age of 14 go on to develop a dependency on alcohol. It is therefore critical that we find a way to put our young people onto pathways to developing more healthy drinking patterns.

ITEM 3 –Details of public meetings held during the year

A public meeting of the JPC was scheduled for Wednesday, 28 November 2018 in the Iontas Centre, Castleblayney but due to a tragic fatal car collision in Castleblayney on the previous evening, the meeting was postponed until January 2019.

ITEM 4 – Record of members and meetings held during the year

Total number of meetings held:

Nine

Meeting dates:

Three County JPC meetings: 13/02/2018; 01/05/2018; 04/09/2018

Three Crime Prevention sub committee meetings: 24/04/2018; 31/05/2018; 20/09/2018

Three Policing Communities sub committee meetings: 21/03/2018; 23/05/2018; 19/09/2018

Steering Group Membership:

Name	Organisation	Number of meetings attended (3 meetings held in 2018)
Cllr Raymond Aughey	Monaghan County Council	2
Cllr Cathy Bennett	Monaghan County Council	2
Cllr Aidan Campbell	Monaghan County Council	2
Cllr Paudge Connolly	Monaghan County Council	3
Cllr Seamus Coyle	Monaghan County Council	2
Cllr Jackie Crowe	Monaghan County Council	3
Cllr Sean Gilliland	Monaghan County Council	1
Cllr Noel Keelan	Monaghan County Council	3
Cllr David Maxwell	Monaghan County Council	3
Cllr Hugh McElvaney	Monaghan County Council	2
Cllr Brian McKenna	Monaghan County Council	3
Cllr P.J. O'Hanlon	Monaghan County Council	1
Cllr Pat Treanor	Monaghan County Council	3
Mr. P.J. Harte	Community Rep	3
Mr. Michael Watters	Community Rep	2
Mr. Eugene Treanor	Community Rep	3
Mr. Brendan McNally	Community Rep	2
Ms. Edel Fitzsimons	Community Rep	3
Chief Supt. John O'Reilly	Garda	3
Supt. Noel Cunningham	Garda	2
Inspector Kevin Gavigan	Garda	1
Supt. Fergus Treanor	Garda	1
Garda Pat O'Connell	Garda	1
Ms. Heather Humphreys, T.D.	Oireachtas	0
Mr. Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin, T.D.	Oireachtas	0
Ms. Niamh Smyth T.D.	Oireachtas	1
Mr. Adge King	Monaghan County Council	1
Ms. Carol Lambe	Monaghan County Council	3
Carmel Thornton	Monaghan County Council	3
Mary McGarvey	Monaghan County Council	3