‘Working with our Communities’

1. Our Values – Honesty, Accountability, Respect & Professionalism
   We will always treat you with dignity and respect when you contact us regardless of how, where or for what reason that contact takes place. We will behave professionally, fairly, openly and with honesty towards all members of the public, accepting individual accountability and ensuring public accountability.

2. Keeping Victims Updated
   If you have been the victim of a crime we will keep you informed of any progress and outcomes of your case. In relation to ongoing investigations we will keep you up to date until the conclusion of your case and with your permission put you in contact with an appropriate victim support organisation.

3. Arrange Public Meetings
   In conjunction with Joint Policing Committees and Local Policing, we will arrange public meetings to agree your priorities, address local concerns and keep you informed of policing related developments that may affect your security or quality of life.

4. Local Priorities
   Through the structure of Joint Policing Committees and Local Policing Fora we will take special cognisance of the priorities and needs of local communities and endeavour to make them safer places to live, visit and work in. We will provide updates and progress on your priorities, together with information on local policing issues.

5. 999 Call Answering
   We will aim to maintain our target of 80% of 999 calls answered within 7 seconds and deploy resources immediately giving an estimated time of arrival.

6. Response Times
   We will take appropriate steps to deal with all incidents and ensure that emergency and life threatening calls receive priority. We will endeavour to get to you within 15 minutes in urban locations and as soon as possible, given the distance to be travelled, in more rural areas.

7. Community Policing
   We are committed to continuing our dedicated work with members of the community, and statutory and voluntary bodies to prevent crime and antisocial behaviour, reduce the fear of crime, promote inter-agency problem solving, bring offenders to justice and improve the overall quality of life in your community.

8. Visibility
   Our Community Gardaí will be assigned to work proactively in your Community and to provide reassurance through their visible presence.

9. Diverse Communities
   We will ensure that our services meet the needs of all people regardless of Gender, Marital status, Family status, Age, Religion, Disability, Sexual orientation or membership of the Traveller community.

10. Customer Satisfaction
    If you are not satisfied with our service or if you have any questions, feedback or suggestions on any aspect of your treatment by members of the Garda Síochána please do not hesitate to contact us (see overleaf for your local contact details). Details are also available online at www.garda.ie or in the green pages of the telephone directory.

We will respond to your query as quickly as possible. Additionally you may also refer a complaint to the:
Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission,
150 Abbey St Upper, Dublin 1.

LoCall: 1890-600800 Tel: (01) 8716727 Fax: (01) 8147023 Email: info@gsoc.ie Website: www.gardaombudsman.ie