

Wicklow Divisional Policing Plan 2019

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Our Mission - Keeping People Safe



Divisional Officer's Foreword

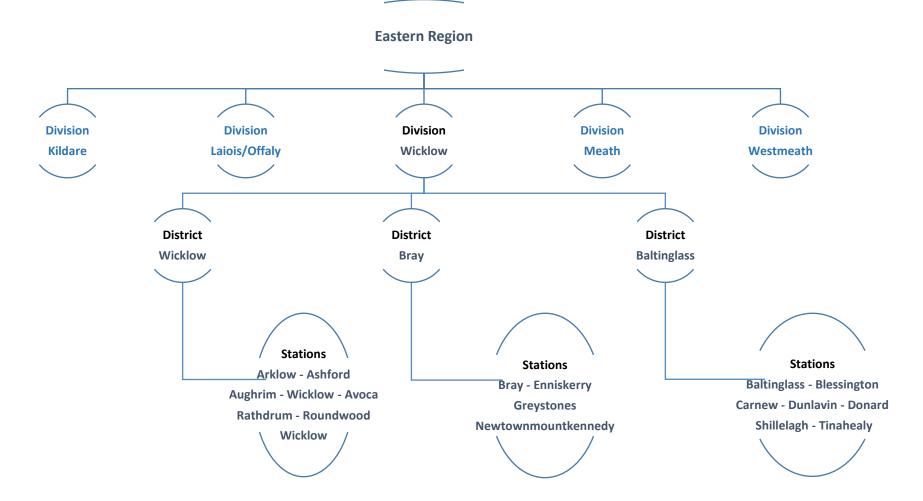
It is my pleasure to introduce An Garda Síochána's Policing Plan for the Wicklow Division for 2019. Public Consultation was undertaken by way of request for submissions from interested public groups and organsiations. A number of submissions were received and these views have been incorporated into this plan. Internal consultation was again undertaken by way of request for submissions and face to face meetings with senior management across the Wicklow Division. The 2019 plan has been drafted in line with the National Policing Plan and the Garda Síochána Mission "Keeping People Safe". An Garda Síochána is committed to our public service positive duty obligations under section 42 of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Act 2014, which we will address in 2019 through initiatives relating to our diversity and inclusion strategy, hate crime policy and developing our human rights capacity.

I would like to express my appreciation to those who contributed to the development of this Policing Plan, in particular the Joint Policing Committee for their input, our 2019 plan exemplifies our commitment to listening and learning, to achieve our vision to Serve and protect the people of Wicklow.

The Divisional Policing Plan is based around the key pillars of the Garda Strategy Statement 2019 - 2021:-

- Community Policing
- Keeping People Safe
- A Secure Ireland
- Transforming our Service
- Our People Our Greatest Resource
- A Human Rights Foundation

John P Quirke Chief Superintendent Wicklow Division



Stations within the Division

Station	District & Superintendent	Opening Hours	Telephone
Arklow	Wicklow - Superintendent Declan McCarthy	24/7	(0402) 32304
Ashford	Wicklow - Superintendent Declan McCarthy	10am – 1pm	(0404) 40212
Aughrim	Wicklow - Superintendent Declan McCarthy	10am – 1pm	(0402) 36142
Wicklow	Wicklow - Superintendent Declan McCarthy	24/7	(0404) 60140
Avoca	Wicklow - Superintendent Declan McCarthy	10am – 1pm	(0402) 35102
Rathdrum	Wicklow - Superintendent Declan McCarthy	10am – 1pm, 5pm – 7pm	(0404) 46206
Roundwood	Wicklow - Superintendent Declan McCarthy	10am – 1pm	(01) 2818142
Bray	Bray – Superintendent Patrick Ward	24/7	(01) 6665300
Enniskerry	Bray – Superintendent Patrick Ward	10am – 1pm	(01) 6665750
Greystones	Bray – Superintendent Patrick Ward	24/7	(01) 6665800
Newtownmountkennedy	Bray – Superintendent Patrick Ward	10am – 1pm	(01) 2819222
Baltinglass	Baltinglass – Superintendent Adrian Gamble	24/7	(059) 6482610
Blessington	Baltinglass – Superintendent Adrian Gamble	10am – 1pm, 7pm to 10pm	(045) 865202
Carnew	Baltinglass – Superintendent Adrian Gamble	10am – 1pm	(053) 9426102
Dunlavin	Baltinglass – Superintendent Adrian Gamble	3pm – 5pm	(045) 401211
Donard	Baltinglass – Superintendent Adrian Gamble	10am – 1pm	(045) 404612
Shillelagh	Baltinglass – Superintendent Adrian Gamble	11am – 1pm	(053) 9429102
Tinahealy	Baltinglass – Superintendent Adrian Gamble	3pm – 5pm	(0402) 38102
Emergency	112 or 999		
Crimestoppers	1800 250 025		

1) Community Policing

Providing visible, responsive policing services tailored to community needs

The activities outlined on the fol	lowing pages	will support An Garda Síochána in re	ealising the f	following 3-year strategic outcomes	
Perception of crime as a very serious or serious problem	•	Satisfaction with AGS. We listen to and response to community concerns		Perception that AGS treats all people equally	•
Garda visibility		Perception that An Garda Síochána is helpful & community focussed		Perception that An Garda Síochána is managing crime locally	

1.1 Engaging with Communities (Inc. JPC Engagement)

Work with our Joint Policing Committee (JPC), Community Groups (Neighbourhood Watch, Community Alert, Business Watch, Hospital Watch etc.) and other fora to identify local community needs and to ensure appropriate policing responses.

Activities	Outcomes
 We will identify Community Policing requirements across the Division and allocate additional resources as required. We will host two (2) District Community Alert Group Meetings in each District We will create a District Committee/Working Group for Community Alert/Neighbourhood Watch in consultation with partner agencies with a view to improving communication with such groups. We will host one Divisional Meeting with District Committee Representatives District Officers will maintain a list of nominated Liaison Gardaí for Community Alert/Neighbourhood Watch Schemes to ensure such groups always have a nominated liaison Garda We will monitor text alerts across each District with a view to ensure consistent and regular use across Districts We will engage with the Age Friendly Forum and Wicklow Older Persons Council. We will appoint one older persons ambassador in each District. We will consult with the Garda Press Office with a view to the creation of a Divisional Facebook Page for the Wicklow Division 	 Increased satisfaction with An Garda Síochána: Listens/responds to community concerns Increased trust Increased perception that An Garda Síochána treats people equally Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as: Helpful & Community focussed Managing crime locally & nationally Reduced fear of crime / Increased feelings of safety Increased visibility

1.2 Anti-Social Behaviour, Public Order & High Visibility Policing

Providing a visible responsive proactive policing service, targeting antisocial behaviour/public order hotspots to improve quality of life for residents and visitors

Activities		Outcomes	
1.	We will liaise with internal and external stakeholders including Regional Analysts to identify public order hotspots and target each with a view to tackle anti-social behaviour and public order offences.	 Increased satisfaction with An Garda Síochána: Listens/responds to community concerns Increased trust 	
2.	Will proactively engage with the Local Authority , licence holders, business, etc., to tackle anti-social behaviour and public order offences	 Increased trust Increased perception that An Garda Síochána treats people equally 	
3.	We will pursue and progress applications for the installation of Community CCTV in Greystones, Blessington and Arklow	 Improve perception of An Garda Síochána as: Helpful & Community focussed Managing crime locally & nationally 	
4.	We will continue to engage with Purple Flag Organisation	 Reduced fear of crime / Increased feelings of safety Increased visibility 	
5.	We will conduct test purchasing exercises within each District		

1.3 Engaging with minorities and other vulnerable groups (including hate crime initiatives)

Working proactively with minority and vulnerable communities to ensure all persons requiring policing services feel comfortable accessing them, particularly those impacted by hate crimes/bias motivated crimes.

Activities	Outcomes
 We will proactively engage with representatives of local and diverse communities and ethnic minorities in each District We will encourage and promote the reporting of hate crime through awareness campaigns and the use of social media We will proactively engage with community stakeholders working with the most vulnerable in society. We will review Divisional training requirements for Ethnic Liaison Officers in Q2 and request further training to meet Divisional needs. Proactively engage with Resettlement Direct Provisions centres in the Wicklow Division 	 Increased satisfaction /An Garda Síochána: listens/responds to community concerns Increased trust / Increased visibility Increased perception that An Garda Síochána treats people equally Improve perception of An Garda Síochána as: Helpful & Community focussed Managing crime locally & nationally Reduced fear of crime / Increased feelings of safety

1.4 Children and Young People

Engage with and support young people, providing guidance to keep them safe

Activiti	es	Outcomes
1. 2. 3. 4.	We will deliver the schools programme to each primary school We will provide at least one career guidance talk in each secondary school We will proactively engage with each youth group during the year We will host the Annual Divisional Youth Awards	 Increased satisfaction with An Garda Síochána: Listens/responds to community concerns Increased trust Increased perception that An Garda Síochána treats people equally
5. 6. 7.	We will facilitate the Transition Year work placement programme We will proactively engage with Garda Youth Diversion Projects – Bray New Directions Project and Foroige Way, Wicklow We will proactively engage with Co. Wicklow Children & Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC)	 Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as: Helpful & Community focussed Managing crime locally & nationally Reduced fear of crime / Increased feelings of safety Increased visibility

1.5 National Drug Strategy

Local activities which support the national drug strategy

Activiti	es	Outcomes
1.	We will support implementation of the National Drugs Strategy in conjunction with partner agencies.	 Increased satisfaction with An Garda Síochána: Listens/responds to community concerns
2.	We will monitor the implementation of Drugs related Intimidation Protocols	 Increased trust Increased perception that An Garda Síochána treats people
3.	We will continue engagement with the East Coast Drugs Task Force	equally Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as:
4.	We will provide Drugs Prevention Training for nominated member	 Helpful & Community focussed Managing crime locally & nationally
5.	We will liaise with partner agencies, TUSLA, etc.	Reduced fear of crime / Increased feelings of safety Increased visibility

2) Protecting People

Protecting people from crime and from injury on our roads

The activities outlined on the follo	The activities outlined on the following pages will support An Garda Síochána in realising the following 3-year strategic outcomes				
Incidences of crime	-	Fear of Crime	•	Road deaths and injuries	•
Crime Detections		Victim Satisfaction		Key Lifesaver Offence detections	
Perception of crime as a very serious or serious problem	•	Satisfaction that AGS listens to and response to community concerns	•	Perception that An Garda Síochána is managing crime nationally	•
Standard of investigations		Garda visibility		Legislative compliance	

2.1 Investigation and Detection (Burglary, Robbery, Assault and Volume Crime)

A comprehensive approach to all aspects of crime investigation and detection, delivering improved investigative outcomes

Activities		Outcomes	
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.	We will manage crime utilising the Performance and Accountability Framework We will proactively engage with regional crime management structures We will proactively review undetected crime We will proactively identify and address reasons for non-detection of incidents We will ensure mandatory investigative actions are completed We will proactively seek to enhance the use of the Crime Scene Investigation Unit We will proactively monitor bail and curfew compliance We will manage Offenders in line with SAOR policy We will proactively utilise all specialist resources available including forensic evidence, CCTV evidence, etc.	 Increased satisfaction with An Garda Síochána: Listens/responds to community concerns Increased trust Increased perception that An Garda Síochána treats people equally Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as: Helpful & Community focussed Managing crime locally & nationally Reduced fear of crime / Increased feelings of safety Increased visibility 	
10. 11. 12. 13. 14.	We will proactively implement the national assault reduction plan initiatives We will proactively leverage the benefits of crime analysis services Detective Inspector to put plans in place to improve detection rates, Special Crime Operations. We will request training of additional Senior Investigating Officers (SIO) to meet Divisional needs. We will use Social Media to advertise Divisional/District Property Days and to return property to owners		

2.2 Crime Prevention

Reduce the incidence of crime through education, awareness and community collaboration

Activities		Outcomes
1.	The Crime Prevention Officer will host initiatives at local public events	 Reduced fear of crime / Increased feelings of safety Increased satisfaction with An Garda Síochána:
2.	We will implement National Crime Prevention & Reduction Strategy initiatives as communicated by CEPS	 Listens/responds to community concerns Increased trust
3.	We will utilise local radio, print media & social media to promote crime prevention awareness	 Increased perception that An Garda Síochána treats people equally
4.	We will proactively engage with harbour managers in the Division with a view to reducing Crime opportunities at points of entry at Ports in the Wicklow Division	 Increased visibility Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as: Helpful & Community focussed Managing crime locally & nationally
5.	We will ensure prisoners are fingerprinted, photographed and DNA samples are taken where appropriate	

2.3 Controlled Drugs

Enforcement of drugs legislation, focussed on the sale and supply of controlled drugs

vities	Outcomes
 We will undertake Intelligence led operations involved to combat the sale and supply of drugs We will maintain appropriate levels of resources in the Divisional Drugs Unit. We will review Divisional training requirements for Presumptive Drug Testing (PDT) and request further training to meet Divisional needs. We will circulate intelligence on persons involved in the sale and supply of drugs. We will proactively engage with National units including CAB and the Garda National Drugs and Organised 	 Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as: Helpful & Community focussed Managing crime locally & nationally Reduced fear of crime / Increased feelings of safety Increased satisfaction with An Garda Síochána: Listens/responds to community concerns Increased trust
Crime Bureau and external agencies to tackle those in the sale and supply of drugs 6. We will proactively use Roads Policing Units to improve detections	Increased visibility

2.4 Organised Crime (including firearms offences, Human Trafficking and European Arrest Warrants) Effective targeting, intelligence gathering and interdiction of OCG members living and operating within the District Activities Outcomes Reduced fear of crime / Increased feelings of safety Improved perception of An Garda Siochána as: Helpful & Community focussed Managing crime locally & nationally Increased satisfaction with An Garda Siochána: Increased visibility Increased trust

2.5 Criminal Intelligence (Including CHIS)*		
Maximise the gathering, analysis and use of criminal intelligence to tackle crime		
Activities	Outcomes	
	 Increased satisfaction with An Garda Síochána: Listens/responds to community concerns Increased trust Increased perception that An Garda Síochána treats people equally Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as: Helpful & Community focussed Managing crime locally & nationally Reduced fear of crime / Increased feelings of safety Increased visibility 	

2.6 Offender Management & Recidivism (including Child Diversion & SAOR)

A reduction in offending through the effective implementation of SAOR and Child Diversion policies

Activiti	es	Outcomes
1.	We will proactively engage and work with our criminal justice partners	 Reduced recidivism Reduced fear of crime / Increased feelings of safety
2.	We will proactively monitor prolific offenders/Thor targets with Case Managers	 Increased visibility Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as:
3.	We will proactively review the implementation of the Youth Diversion Scheme as part of the Inspection and Review process	 Managing crime locally & nationally
4.	We will proactively use Bail Laws and monitor bail and curfew compliance	

2.7 Victim Support

Providing a responsive service to victims of crime, keeping all victims up to date on investigations, complying with both Garda victims policy and the Victims Act

Activities		Outcomes	
1.	We will issue victim information letters to every victim of crime and provide at least one follow up phone call to each victim.	Increased trust Increased victim satisfaction	
2.	We will increase the proportion of completed victim assessments which are made within 3 days of reporting to 85%	 Increased satisfaction with An Garda Síochána: Listens/responds to community concerns Increased perception that An Garda Síochána treats people equally 	
3.	We will proactively monitor incidents which require personal contact	 Reduced fear of crime / Increased feelings of safety Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as: 	
4.	We will proactively engage with Courts Victims Service	 Helpful & Community focussed Managing crime locally & nationally 	
5.	We will review implementation of The Criminal Justice (Victims of Crime) Act 2017 within the Wicklow Division as part of the Inspection & Review process.		

2.8 Missing Persons

Effective management of all missing persons cases in compliance with Garda policy

Activiti	es	Outcomes
1.	There will be ongoing review of all missing person incidents by District Officers with a view to reducing the number of missing person incidents which are overdue District Officer reviews	 Increased satisfaction with An Garda Síochána: Listens/responds to community concerns
2.	We will monitor governance of Missing Person investigations using available KPI reports.	 Increased trust Reduced fear of crime / Increased feelings of safety
3.	We will monitor compliance with Missing Children from Care Protocols.	Increased perception An Garda Síochána is well managed
4.	We will engage with residential centres to agree and put an absence management plan in place with a view to reducing the number of Missing Children from care incidents.	 Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as: Helpful & Community focussed Managing crime locally & nationally
5.	We will proactively engage and liaise with local search organisations, e.g. Mountain Rescue teams.	
6.	We will review the use of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) in Inspections and Reviews	

2.9 Domestic Abuse

Provision of an empathetic responsive service to all victims of domestic abuse, in line with relevant Garda policy and legislation

Activities	Outcomes
 We will complete In-Person victim callbacks to a minimum of 40% of victims of domestic abuse. These visits will be recorded on the victim engagement screen. We will review incidents to ensure investigations are being completed to a high standard We will examine "domestic dispute no offences disclosed" incidents to ensure that incidents are properly categorised and that data recorded is correct We will circulate details of support services for victims to all members We will brief every unit on the Domestic Violence Act 2018 We will ensure early completion of all victim assessments We will complete a risk assessment for every repeat victim We will proactively engage with the Women's refuge within the Division 	 Increased reporting of domestic violence related offences Increased satisfaction with An Garda Síochána: Listens/responds to community concerns Increased trust Increased perception that An Garda Síochána treats people equally Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as: Helpful & Community focussed Managing crime locally & nationally Reduced fear of crime / Increased feelings of safety Increased visibility

2.10 Sexual Offences

Provision of an empathetic responsive service to all victims of sexual crime, in line with relevant Garda policy and legislation

Activi	ties	Outcomes
1	We will continue preparations for the establishment of a Divisional Protective Services Unit to ensure victims of sexual abuse receive the best service possible.	 Increased reporting of sexual offences Increased satisfaction with An Garda Síochána:
2	We will monitor the investigation of all sexual crimes to ensure that they are fully investigated to a high standard.	 Listens/responds to community concerns Increased trust
3	. We will engage with TUSLA in relation to all sexual crimes involving children.	 Increased perception that An Garda Síochána treats people equally Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as:
4	. We will participate in the Senior Local Management Liaison Forum with TULSA in accordance with the Joint Working Protocol for An Garda Síochána/Tusla – Child and Family Agency Liaison (10.2)	 Helpful & Community focussed Managing crime locally & nationally
5	. We will proactively manage the utilisation of Child Specialist Interviewers ensuring use where appropriate and cases prioritised appropriately	 Reduced fear of crime / Increased feelings of safety Increased visibility

2.11 Roads Enforcement Activities (including the National Roads Policing Operations Plan)

Reduce collisions, road deaths and serious injuries through enforcement of key lifesaver offences (speeding, drink driving, seatbelt and mobile phone offences) and relevant legislation.

 We will increase lifesaver offence detections We will increase MIT breath tests performed We will implement National Roads Policing Operations Plan 	 Safer Roads, reduced road deaths and serious injuries Increased satisfaction with An Garda Síochána: Listens/responds to community concerns
 We will conduct Multi Agency checkpoints on a quarterly basis We will continue to ensure seizure of vehicles and prosecutions of drivers where appropriate We will proactively detail regular units to undertake additional Roads Enforcement activities, continue to send Probationers on secondment to Roads Policing units and utilise PALF to improve Roads Enforcement We will improve enforcement of Road Transport legislation/regulations A reduction in the FCN recording delay to less than 16 days on average per month for manually issued FCN 	 Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as: Helpful & Community focussed Managing crime locally & nationally Reduced fear of crime / Increased feelings of safety Increased visibility

2.12 Road Safety Education & Awareness

Undertake appropriate Road Safety Education and Awareness initiatives across Wicklow Division

Activities	Outcomes
 We will undertake educational and awareness activities on road safety with members of the public We will proactively utilise Social Media to disseminate Road Safety initiatives We will undertake various initiatives including Tractors and Trailers safety awareness initiative with IFA Schools Programme RSA roll over Crash Simulator We will proactively liaise with Roads Policing and Major Emergency with a view to making a submission to Road Safety Authority to reactivate Vehicle rectification form We will undertake initiatives focusing on Cyclists Motor Cyclists Pedestrians Unaccompanied Drivers 	 Increased satisfaction with An Garda Síochána: Listens/responds to community concerns Increased trust Increased perception that An Garda Síochána treats people equally Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as: Helpful & Community focussed Managing crime locally & nationally Reduced fear of crime / Increased feelings of safety Increased visibility

2.13 Event Management

Ensure all major events across Wicklow Division are properly resources and costs are recovered where appropriate.

Activities	Outcomes
1. We will ensure appropriate Policing Plans with related risk assessments are put in place for all major events in the Division for Quarter 2, 3 and 4 2019.	 Increased satisfaction with An Garda Síochána: Listens/responds to community concerns Increased trust
2. We will proactively engage with event organisers in a timely and effective manner.	 Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as: Helpful & Community focussed Increased visibility
	Reduced fear of crime / Increased feelings of safety

3) A Secure Ireland

Ensure the security of the State, managing all possible threats, including but not limited to the threat of terrorism

The activities outlined on the following pages will support An Garda Síochána in realising the following			ollowing 3-year strategic outcomes		
Crime Detections	•	A Secure State	•	Fear of crime	•
Perception that An Garda Síochána is managing crime nationally		Perception of crime as a very serious or serious problem	•		

3.1 Local Subversive Targets		
Targeting, intelligence gathering and interdiction of subversives living and operating within the District		
Activities	Outcomes	
	 Increased satisfaction with An Garda Síochána; Listens/responds to community concerns Increased trust Increased perception that An Garda Síochána treats people equally Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as: Helpful & Community focussed Managing crime locally & nationally Reduced fear of crime / Increased feelings of safety Increased visibility 	

3.2 Major Emergency Management		
Ensure all An Garda members are adequately resourced and trained to respond to Major Emergencies or Critical Incidents should they occur.		
Activities	Outcomes	
	 Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as a well-managed Increased trust Reduced fear of crime / Increased feelings of safety Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as: Helpful & Community focussed 	

4) Transforming Our Service

Providing consistent, efficient and effective policing services

2. Each District will conduct at least one (1) Data Quality review and one (1) youth referral review

Trust in AGS Perception that An Garda Síochána is well managed Perception that An Garda Síochána is well managed Data Quality

4.1 Inspection and Review Inspections will be conducted on a quarterly basis, evaluating performance at an operational, administrative and management level in compliance with HQ Directive 59/2014 Activities 1. We will undertake inspection and reviews in line with Garda policy as set out in HQ 59/2014 • Increased trust • Increased perception that An Garda Síochána is well managed

Better management of risk

4.2 Risk Management					
Ensure the effective management of risk within the Division to support the achievement of goals and objectives.					
Activitio	es	Outcomes			
1.	We will continue to manage dynamically all risks within the Division, engaging with relevant stakeholders where necessary.	Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as well managed Increased trust			
2.	We will undertake a review of the risk register in line with the development and evaluation of the annual Policing Plan.	 Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as: Managing crime locally & nationally 			
3.	We will utilise organisational supports to add value to Divisional risk management.				
4.	We will submit all risk registers on a quarterly basis in compliance with risk management policy and procedures.				

4.3 Financial Management

Effective management of all spending within the District, ensuring policing services are delivered within budget

Activiti	es	Outcomes		
1.	We will continue to dynamically manage all budgets within the Division	 Increased perception that An Garda Síochána is well managed Increased trust 		
2.	We will review financial reports on an ongoing basis with a focus on controllable costs (OT, T&S, other non-pay related costs)	Increased visibility		
3.	We will continue to engage with Procurement with a view to the implementation and effective management of towing and other contracts			
4.	We will proactively engage with event organisers to ensure that events are effectively policed as economically as possible			

4.4 Data Quality

Engaging in activities to support an improvement in organisational data quality

Activities		Outco	Outcomes	
1.	We will reduce the number of HISTORIC incidents with status of Review/Clarification	•	Increased trust	
2.	We will Monitor KPI reports for changes in trends related to Data Quality metrics	•	Increased perception that An Garda Síochána is well managed Enhanced Data Quality	
3.	We will proactively monitor GDPR and the Law enforcement Directive		Elimaneca Data Quanty	
4.	District Officers will Monitor IOI reports			
5.	We will monitor compliance with legislation regarding retention of samples by including in Inspections and Reviews and ongoing monitoring.			

4.5 Change Projects

Supporting the organisation goals to modernise and improve the Policing Service we provide the people of Wicklow

Activities	Outcomes	
1. All members to complete Enterprise Content Management (ECM) training in advance of ECM rollout	 Increased satisfaction with An Garda Síochána: Listens/responds to community concerns 	
2. We will proactively support all MRP/CFPI projects in line with National Priorities	 Increased trust Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as: Helpful & Community focussed Managing crime locally & nationally Reduced fear of crime / Increased feelings of safety Increased visibility Síochána 	

4.6 Estate Management / Station Upkeep

Endeavouring to provide the best possible facilities for our people to work in

Activities	Outcomes
 We will continue to pursue the upgrade of cell area in Wicklow Garda Station We will engage with Garda Housing and OPW to complete works in Dunlavin Garda Station 	 Enhanced working environment Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as well managed
We will engage with Garda Housing and OPW to complete works in Greystones Garda Station	

5) Our People: Our Greatest Resource

Engage, support and listen to our people, providing continuous professional development

The activities outlined on the following pages will support An Garda Síochána in realising the following 3-year strategic outcomes								
Employe	e engagement	•	Employee wellness			Absence		-
5.1 Eng	agement, PALF and front lin	e briefing						
Effective	engagement between managers a	nd personnel, thr	ough unit briefings, PALF and other engag	ement opport	tunities			
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Activitie	s				Outcome	S		
	All members to be engaged fully in All managers will effectively managers				• 1	mproved perception of An Gard ncreased satisfaction with An G	iarda Síochána:	nanaged
	We will review face to face manage improving communication between	_	at shift overlaps and briefing periods with bers and managers	a view to	 Increased trust Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as: Helpful & Community focussed Managing crime locally & nationally 			
	We will review the pre-tour briefi and consider the introduction of a	_	o improving the content and effectiveness e-tour briefing document	of same				
	We will encourage the submission PALF reviews)	of initiatives fro	m members (include conversation in brief	ngs and				

5.2 Health and Safety Compliance & Promotion

Ensuring the safety of our people as they undertake their duties

Activities	Outcomes	
 We will brief all units with regard to the Actions for First Responders and the 6 C's safety principles in responding to Firearms and Critical Incidents We will proactively engage with Regional Safety Advisor We will undertake Quarterly Divisional Meetings on Health and Safety We will include Health & Safety on Weekly PAF agenda We will ensure risk assessments are completed for operations/searches/operational orders We will review the completion of daily inspection sheets for vehicles and cell areas in Inspections and Reviews We will issue a letter under Health, Safety & Welfare at Work Act 2005 to all new staff members. 	 Increased satisfaction with An Garda Síochána: Listens/responds to community concerns Increased trust Increased perception that An Garda Síochána treats people equally Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as: Helpful & Community focussed Managing crime locally & nationally Reduced fear of crime / Increased feelings of safety Increased visibility 	

5.3 Absence Management and Employee Wellness

Investing in the physical and mental wellness of our people

Activities		Outcomes	
1.	Managers/ supervisors will make contact with personnel absent from work in accordance with protocols	Increased satisfaction with An Garda Síochána:	
2.	We will complete referrals to Chief Medical Officer (CMO) where appropriate	 Increased perception that An Garda Síochána treats people equally 	
3.	We will continue to monitor sickness absence on an ongoing basis	 Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as: Helpful & Community focussed Managing crime locally & nationally Reduced fear of crime / Increased feelings of safety Increased visibility 	

5.4 Civilianisation

Identification of roles suitable for civilianisation and reallocation of personnel to operational policing duties

Activities		Outcomes	
1.	We will proactively engage with Project 2121 and identify posts suitable for civilisation	 Increased satisfaction with An Garda Síochána: Listens/responds to community concerns 	
2.	We will assess accommodation requirements for additional Garda staff members with a view to engaging with Housing and the OPW for necessary works to be completed	 Increased trust Increased perception that An Garda Síochána treats people equally 	
3.	We will undertake Health & Safety orientation for all new members of staff	 Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as: Helpful & Community focussed Managing crime locally & nationally Reduced fear of crime / Increased feelings of safety Increased visibility 	

5.5 Garda Reserve Utilisation

Maximise utilisation of Garda Reserves within Wicklow

ctivities	Outcomes
 We will proactively engage with current Garda reserves and ensure reserves complete hours. We will maximise the use of Garda Reserves at public events 	 Increased satisfaction with An Garda Síochána: Listens/responds to community concerns Increased trust Increased perception that An Garda Síochána treats people equally Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as: Helpful & Community focussed Managing crime locally & nationally Reduced fear of crime / Increased feelings of safety Increased visibility

5.6 Training Initiatives

Ensure all members of staff are adequately trained to fulfil their roles.

Activities		Outcomes	
1.	All members in Wicklow will complete the online (LMS) youth referral e-learning course	Increased engagement with personnel Increased trust	
2.	We will complete ASP and Incapacitant Spray training and recertification	A better skilled workforce	
3.	Complete training needs assessment and application for courses at Divisional (CPD) and national (Garda College) level		
4.	We will undertake Local Training initiatives, e.g. Mediation services available with CLM (Community Law Mediation Services		
5.	We will review requirements for First Aid recertification of staff members		

5.7 Reducing Complaints / GSOC Local initiative

Reduce complaints made to GSOC by promoting local intervention in appropriate cases

Activities		Outcomes	
1.	Increase awareness of scope for Local intervention with complaints to address their concerns and issues at an early point with a view to reducing the number of complaints made to the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission	•	Increased engagement with personnel Increased trust A better skilled workforce
2.	We will proactively encourage high professional standards from all members to be driven by supervisors and managers and use the Inspection and Review process to examine areas of concern that might arise with a view to reducing the number of complaints made by members of the public		

6) A Human Rights Foundation

Embed human rights, ethical behaviour and equality into all of our policing and business activities

The activities outlined on the following pages will support An Garda Síochána in realising the following 3-year strategic outcomes					
Trust in AGS		Perception that AGS treats people equally		Perception that AGS is a well-managed organisation	

6.1 Ethics and Human Rights Initiatives Ensure compliance with Code of Ethics by members of An Garda Síochána in Wicklow					
Activities	Outcomes				
 100% personnel offered ethics training, 95% of members to have completed ethics training, 100% of personnel trained to have signed the code of ethics 	 Increased satisfaction with An Garda Síochána: Listens/responds to community concerns Increased trust 				
2. We will monitor Garda activity for compliance with An Garda Síochána Code of Ethics	 Increased perception that An Garda Síochána treats people equally Improved perception of An Garda Síochána as: Helpful & Community focussed Managing crime locally & nationally Reduced fear of crime / Increased feelings of safety 				

Garda Code of Ethics Commitments

The commitments of each Garda employee as outlined in the Code of Ethics for An Garda Síochána

Duty to Uphold the Law	I will uphold and obey the law and fulfill my responsibilities in a fair and impartial way.				
Honesty & Integrity	I will be honest and will act with integrity. I will always seek the truth by establishing and reporting facts in an honest and objective way. I will not abuse my power or position and will have the courage to oppose and report any such abuses by colleagues. I will act in the public interest and not allow circumstances to arise that might compromise, or appear to compromise, myself or the Garda Síochána. I will appropriately declare and manage any actual or potential conflict of interest that might impair my ability to carry out my duty or weaken public confidence in the Garda Síochána. This includes any conflict that might arise from a personal or business relationship outside of my work in the Garda Síochána.				
Respect & Equality	I will recognise and respect the dignity and equal human rights of all people. I will treat people with courtesy and respect. I will treat everyone with fairness at all times, and not discriminate wrongfully. I will oppose and challenge any behaviour or language that demonstrates discrimination or disrespect, in particular with regard to vulnerable individuals or minority groups. I will be sensitive to the vulnerabilities of individuals, for example because of their age or a disability. I will be sensitive to the difficult circumstances individuals may find themselves in when in contact with the Garda Síochána. I will show appropriate understanding and empathy to people I come into contact with. I will make accommodation for an individual's particular needs where possible. Wherever possible, I will take steps to improve relationships with the public, in particula with individuals or groups that may have previously had a limited or challenging relationship with policing services. Examples of Wrongful Reasons for Discrimination Age Marital status Colour Gender non-conformity Membership of the Traveller Community Membership of the Traveller Community Religion Residence status Sexual orientation Sexual orientation Social origin				
Authority & Responsibility	I will act with self-control, even when provoked or in volatile situations. I will take responsibility for my actions and omissions, and I will be accountable for them. I will support my colleagues to the best of my ability as they carry out their duties and responsibilities. I will only give instructions that I reasonably believe to be lawful and I will carry out lawful instructions to the best of my ability. I will challenge instructions that I believe to be unlawful or contrary to the principles set out in this Code.				

I understand that any decision not to follow an instruction needs to be fully justified.

I will make sure that I do not take - any substance, such as alcohol or drugs, that will make me unfit for work.

I will report to a supervisor if I am unfit for work for any reason.

I will use all information, training, equipment and management support I am provided with to keep myself safe and up to date with my role and responsibilities.

I will endeavour to ensure the proper, effective and efficient use of public money and resources.

I will not use social media and mobile communications in a manner that may be perceived as discriminatory, bullying, victimising or unprofessional.

Police Powers

I will respect the human rights of all people, including the right to life, to security of the person and bodily integrity; to freedom of expression; to freedom of assembly and association; to privacy; and to be free from arbitrary arrest or detention.

When it is necessary to use police powers to achieve an objective, I will make sure that my actions are in accordance with the law and proportionate.

Every time I make a decision as to whether or not to use police powers I will be prepared to account for my actions. Wherever possible, I will explain my decisions to individuals affected.

When a situation requires me to use force I will, as soon as possible, make sure that the person I used force against is safe and receives any necessary assistance.

Information & Privacy

I will recognise and respect every person's right to privacy. I will interfere with this right only when it is lawful and necessary to achieve a legitimate objective.

I will never hide, exaggerate, invent, interfere with or improperly destroy information or evidence.

I will gather, retain, access, disclose or process information only in accordance with the law and principles of data protection.

I will not improperly convey Garda information to the media or any third party.

Transparency & Communication

I will communicate and cooperate openly and effectively with colleagues, the public and with other organisations as much as possible.

I will give timely and truthful information as long as this is in accordance with the law and does not compromise an ongoing investigation. Examples of this include updating victims and witnesses about investigations.

I will fulfill any duty to disclose information and records, including information for accused people or for the Garda Ombudsman, in accordance with the law and in a timely, truthful and transparent manner.

I will make sure those victims of crime are made aware of their rights as soon as possible.

I will make sure that I communicate information in a manner that is respectful, easy to understand and sensitive to the circumstances.

I will keep accurate, complete records, especially of all interviews and complaints.

I will make sure that, unless the nature of an assignment prohibits it, I will openly display my Garda identification when I am at work.

Speaking Up & Reporting Wrongdoing

I will never ignore a colleague's unprofessional, unethical, illegal, or corrupt behaviour, regardless of the person's identity, role, rank or grade.

I will protect the integrity of the Garda Síochána by rigorously opposing unprofessional, unethical, illegal, or corrupt behaviour. Where the seriousness of the issue warrants it, I will report, challenge or take action against such behaviour.

I will support any colleague who speaks up in accordance with the law and this Code and challenge anyone who victimises a person for speaking up.

Additional Commitments of Managers

I will encourage and facilitate speaking up and reporting wrongdoing at every level in the organisation.

I will ensure that matters brought to my attention are considered, are investigated where necessary, and the appropriate action taken.

I will be open to matters raised by colleagues and learn from feedback and from reports of wrongdoing.

Leadership

I will contribute to a positive and healthy working environment.

I will maintain and promote professional standards and the standards of this Code.

I will aim to behave in a manner which brings credit on the Garda Síochána and myself thereby promoting public confidence in policing.

I will be accountable for orders or instructions I give to others, for the carrying out of those orders and for their consequences.

Additional Commitments of Managers

I will strive to make sure that people I work with carry out their duties in a way that follows this Code.

I will make sure that people I work with are effectively supported and guided in performing their duties and maintaining this Code.

I will do whatever I can, in my role, to protect and support the physical and mental wellbeing of people I work with.

I will ensure that matters brought to my attention are considered, are investigated where necessary, and the appropriate action taken.

I will be open to matters raised by colleagues and learn from feedback and from reports of wrongdoing.