AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA



POLICING PLAN 2005

LONGFORD/WESTMEATH DIVISION

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An Garda Síochána Strategic Goals 2005

- 1. **National/International Security** To reduce the threat of subversive and terrorist activity through intelligence-led policing and international cooperation.
- 2. **Crime** To reduce the incidence of organised, drug related and serious crime, and criminal behaviour.
- 3. **Traffic** To reduce the incidence of fatal and serious injury collisions and improve traffic flow.
- 4. **Public Safety** To ensure public safety by reducing the incidence of public disorder and anti-social behaviour.
- 5. Public Confidence To improve confidence in An Garda Síochána.
- 6. Ethnic and Cultural Diversity To build the capability of An Garda Síochána to fulfil the emerging policing needs of our diverse ethnic and multicultural communities.

FOREWORD FROM THE DIVISIONAL OFFICER.

I am pleased to present the Longford/Westmeath Divisional Policing Plan for 2005.

Our Plan is based on the strategic objectives set out in the Garda Corporate Strategy

2005 – 2007 and priorities of customer needs as identified in the Annual Public

Attitude Survey (both available on www.garda.ie).

The Divisional Policing Plan mirrors each of the goals set out in the National Policing

Plan and outlines each definitive action, which will be taken to ensure that they are

attained at local level.

The Divisional Policing Plan represents a clear commitment to the entire community

throughout Longford/Westmeath Division to make every possible effort to ensure

they receive the highest quality policing service.

Our mission is to achieve the highest attainable level of:

Personal Protection

Community Commitment

State Security

This Policing Plan is an important document for all Garda management and personnel.

It provides the focus for all that we do and should be regarded as the catalyst for

action. Whilst I am aware that the continued attainment of these strategic goals and

very differing targets/objectives will make significant demands on all members, I am

confident we will continue to deliver a high level of achievement in 2005.

WILLIE RYAN

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

DATED: FEBRUARY 2005

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Strategic Goal One	National Performance Indicators	
	1	The prevention of terrorist outrages in the State.
National/International Security:	And the second s	Daily assessment of likely subversive and terrorist threats.
To reduce the threat of subversive and terrorist activity through intelligence-		Provision of current and timely threat assessments to the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform.
led policing and international cooperation.	Applications of the control of the c	Number of persons prosecuted fo subversive/terrorist activity.
	A Company of the Comp	Containment of Irish dissident/paramilitary terroris activity.
	The state of the s	Support of international efforts to counter terrorism.
		Volume of feedback from foreign intelligence agencies.
		Introduction of revised procedures for intelligence source handling.
		Volume of intelligence reports generated by th Garda organisation.
		Number of joint operations/meetings between A Garda Stochána and the Defence Forces in relation t State security.
	And a result the well in	Number of joint operations/meetings between A Garda Síochána and other police services and lavenforcement agencies.
	>	Number of security assessments in respect of person and state installations.
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Divisional Policing Plan 2005		
Divisional Actions	Divisional Performance Indicators	
Ensuring State Security	INTELLIGENCE GATHERING: District Officers in co-operation with Divisional Criminal Intelligence Officer to take an active role and encourage	
	intelligence gathering. Objective — To increase the number of Intelligence Reports generated in each District by 10% — using 2004 figures as a benchmark Criminal Intelligence Officer to monitor the quality of intelligence reports through review process	
	CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER TO FORWARD TO DIVISIONAL OFFICER, ON A QUARTERLY BASIS, THE NUMBER OF INTELLIGENCE REPORTS SUBMITTED IN QUARTER V SAME QUARTER PREVIOUS YEAR — PER DISTRICT.	
	Divisional Criminal Intelligence Officer to give talks at In-Service Training during 2005 academic year • Number of talks given	
	INTELLIGENCE SOURCE MANAGEMENT: Divisional Advisory Group to meet bi-annually to review	
	intelligence source handling within the Division.	

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Strategic Goal Two	National Performance Indicators	
Crime:	 Number of recorded headline crimes per 1,000 population and percentage detected. Number of headline sexual offences recorded and percentage detected. 	
To reduce the incidence of organised, drug related and	 Number of crime prevention initiatives commenced, Number of referrals to National Juvenile Office, informal and formal cautions administered and prosecutions initiated. 	
serious crime, and criminal	> Number of persons reported missing, number traced and untraced.	
behaviour.	 b Drug supply offences recorded: number of searches, proceedings commenced and convictions. Number of recorded domestic burglaries per 1,000 dwellings. Percentage of recorded domestic burglaries detected. Number of recorded commercial burglaries. Number of repeat burglaries within 12 months. Vehicle crime* per 1,000 population. Percentage of vehicle crime detected and percentage of vehicles located. Number of reported domestic violence incidents. Number of breaches of orders made under the Domestic Violence Act, 1996/02. Number of repeat victims of domestic violence incidents in previous twelve months. Implementation of the relevant actions of the Government Drugs Strategy 2001–2008. Seizure of the proceeds of crime by the Criminal Assets Bureau. Effectiveness of information generated by Coastal Watch schemes. Number of operations targeting organised crime. Identification of the most active criminals and criminal gangs operating nationally. Number of crimes perpetrated against persons from ethnic/religious minority groups. Number of Juvenile Liaison Officers who have received training in mediation. 	
	* Vehicle Crime includes theft of mechanically propelled vehicles (MPVs), theft from MPVs and unauthorized taking of MPVs	

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Divisional Actions	Divisional Performance Indicators	
Analysis of Crime Statistics/Trends	PULSE: District Officers will continue to monitor the review process in relation to the recording of incidents on PULSE.	
	CRIME ANALYSIS: THROUGH ONGOING REVIEW OF (MIS) MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM REPORTS — MONTHLY/QUARTERLY Number of recorded headline crimes & percentage detected	
	 Number of headline sexual offences recorded & percentage detected Number of recorded burglaries & percentage detected Number of UT's & percentage of vehicles located Number of thefts from MPV's & percentage detected Number of reported domestic violence incidents Number of DVSA(1) Forms completed 	
ILLICIT DRUG ENFORCEMENT	DRUG SUPPLY REDUCTION:	
	Targeting drugs supply and maintaining pressure on dealers by continued commitment of resources to Divisional Drugs Unit to determine origin of controlled drugs & target dealers operating within Division	
	 DRUGS SUPPLY OFFENCES – Number of Section 3 MDA offences recorded Number of Section 15 MDA offences recorded Number of Section 23 searches conducted Number of Section 26 searches conducted 	
	HIGH PROFILE TARGETS — Each District Officer to list two main suspects for targeting	
	TARGETED OPERATIONS –	
	Objective: Targeted Operations by Divisional Drugs Unit to detect: ⇒ Breaches of Sections 3/15 MDA offences in Night Clubs & Pubs ⇒ Breaches of Liquor Licensing Act 2003 Licensing (Combating Drug Abuse Act 1988) in Night Clubs & Pubs	
	• Number of such Operations conducted – logged on PULSE	

IMPLEMENTATION OF DIVISIONAL PROFILER/CRIMINAL ASSETS:

This Division is committed to the targeting of Assets of local drug dealers in accordance with the recommendation of the Implementation Team for An Garda Síochána for the National Drugs Strategy.

OBJECTIVE -

• Nomination of two suspects by Detective Sergeant Longford for investigation

DRUG LECTURES:

Carried out by trained personnel e.g. Garda Schools Programme and members of Divisional Drugs Unit

- Garda Schools Programmes *Number of talks*
- SPHE (Social and Personal Health Education)
 Programme in secondary schools Number of talks
- Drugs lectures requested by voluntary groups & statutory bodies *Number of talks*

INTER-AGENCY CO-OPERATION:

Drugs Unit and Customs personnel to meet each quarter to discuss areas of mutual importance and to continue the successes attained in controlled deliveries

• Number of meetings

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT -

Training & development of Divisional Drugs Unit personnel will continue through temporarily allocation to Garda National Drugs Unit (GNDU).

• Number of secondments

CRIME DETECTION / CRIME PREVENTION

DIVISIONAL SCENES OF CRIME UNIT -

To fully utilise the resources assigned to Divisional Scenes of Crime Unit in detecting crime.

- Number of scenes examined
- Number of exhibits taken to Technical Bureau
- Number of positive 'hits'
- Number of fingerprints taken S:28 CJA 1984
- Number of photographs taken

Sergeant in charge of Scenes of Crime Unit to give talks to personnel at Continuous Professional Development

during 2005 academic year.

• Number of talks given

CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGIES -

Each District Officer to examine and comment on the current status of all crime prevention initiatives throughout his District:

- Community Alert Number of liaison meetings
- Neighbourhood Watch Number of liaison meetings
- Business Watch–Number of liaison meetings
- Campus Watch Number of liaison meetings

To launch Hospital Watch at Longford/Westmeath General Hospital in 2005.

CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER -

- Number of security surveys conducted
- Number of business premises visited, where crime prevention advice was given
- Number of financial institutions visited, where crime prevention advice was given
- Number of talks given to community groups

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER -

Divisional Criminal Intelligence Officer to:

- Collect & analyse information (<u>all</u> Crime incidents) & intelligence on PULSE system
- Monitor crime trends/patterns
- Prepare & disseminate information bulletins & up-date all visual displays Number of Bulletins
- Create links & associations within PULSE system

JUVENILE LIAISON SCHEME

YOUTH DIVERSION PROGRAMME -

District Officers to monitor the number of:

- referrals to National Juvenile Office
- Informal/formal cautions administered
- Prosecutions initiated
- Restorative Cautions
- "Case" Conferences

MISSING PERSONS

ALL REPORTED MISSING PERSON INCIDENTS WILL BE ACTIVELY INVESTIGATED.

Num	ber oj	per	sons.
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- Reported missing
- Traced/untraced

VICTIM SUPPORT

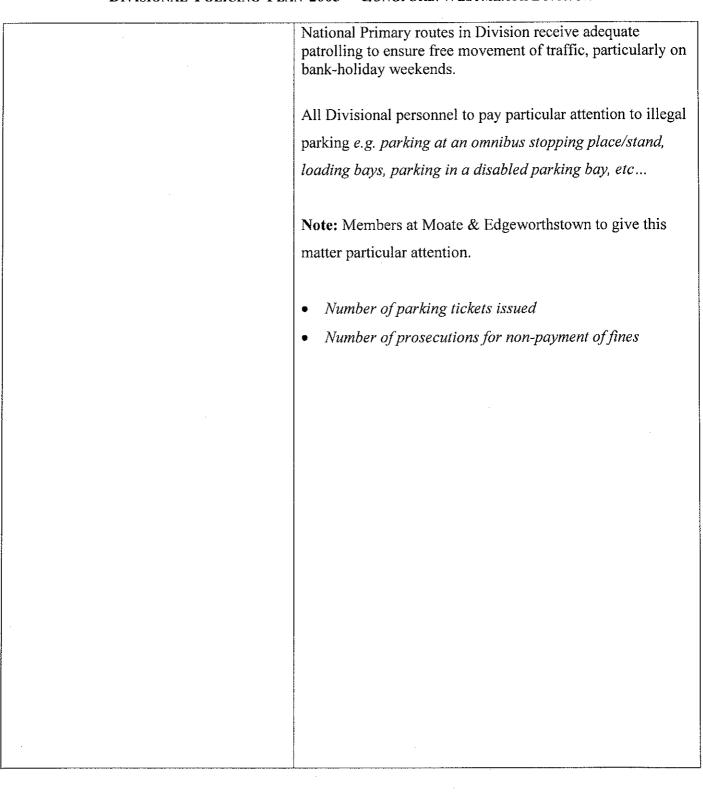
THIS DIVISION WILL ADOPT A MANDATORY POLICY OF KEEPING VICTIMS OF CRIME INFORMED OF CASE PROGRESS, RESULT OF COURT PROCEEDINGS, ETC.

Each District Officer will ensure that HQ Directive No 21/98 is complied with in so far as sending letters to Victims of crime who come within the schedule of offences.

PROVISION WILL ALSO BE MADE TO HAVE A SPEAKER FROM VICTIM SUPPORT ADDRESS CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING SEMINARS IN 2005

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Strategic Goal Three	National Performance Indicators	
	> Twenty-five per cent reduction in the number of fatal road collisions.	
Traffic	 Number of road traffic collisions involving death or serious injury per 1,000 population. 	
To reduce the incidence of	The number of detections of speeding vehicles in each Garda division.	
fatal and serious injury	> The number of detections for non-wearing of seat belts in each Garda division.	
collisions and improve traffic	> Amount of time spent by members of An Garda Síochána	
flow.	 attending Court. Number of arrests in each Garda division for driving while intoxicated. 	
	 Number of breath tests conducted in each Garda division. Number of prosecutions for driving while under the influence of drugs. 	
	> Number of offences of dangerous driving and careless	
	driving prosecuted. Number of vehicles seized under Section 41 of the Road Traffic Act, 1996.	
	> Number of drivers under twenty-five years of age involved in road collisions.	
	➤ Satisfaction level of those involved in road collisions with Garda traffic collision investigation.	
	> The number of days spent on high visibility traffic policing/enforcement.	
	 The number of days spent on high visibility traffic-flow management by Gardaí. 	
	> The number of designated traffic Gardaí in each Garda region/division.	
	> The number of detections of overweight vehicles in each Garda region/division.	
	➤ The number of detections of offences involving unauthorised use of Bus Lanes/Quality Bus Corridors.	

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Divisional Actions	Divisional Performance Indicators	
Road Traffic	REDUCTION OF COLLISIONS: Enforcement	
Enforcement/Management	District Officers to ensure an active involvement of all uniform personnel in road traffic operations (e.g. <i>Lifesaver</i> , <i>Bank Holiday weekends</i> , <i>Tispol</i> , <i>HGV</i> , <i>etc</i>) and initiatives to improve road safety.	
	OBJECTIVE: To increase the number of offences detected in the following areas by 10%;	
	Fixed Penalty Notices for SpeedingOverweight detections	
	 Overweight detections Dangerous / Careless Driving detections Driving While Intoxicated / Drunk in charge detections Section 41 Seizures 	
	THE FIGURES FOR 2004 WILL BE USED AS A BENCHMARK FOR 2005 OBJECTIVES	
	ROAD SAFETY PROMOTION: Education	
	To utilise every opportunity to promote road safety to all age groups, through the Garda Schools Programme and to the public generally through local radio/media	
	 Number of talks to schools Number of talks to radio/media 	
	COLLISION PREVENTION PROGRAMME: Engineering	
	District Officers to promote the CPP through active co- operation with other agencies involved and by having regular meetings with District Teams and local authority personnel to <i>design out black spots</i>	
	Number of meetings with –	
	District Teams	
	Local Authority personnel To Local Example:	
	TRAFFIC FLOW: District Officers & Inspector in charge of Divisional Traffic	
	Unit to ensure that all villages / towns located on or near	



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Public Safety:	> Perceptions of public safety as indicated in the Public Attitude Survey 2005.
	> Number of public order incidents per 1,000 population.
To ensure public safety by reducing	➤ Number of proceedings for drunkenness.
the incidence of	> Number of proceedings for assault.
public disorder and	> Number of proceedings for failing to obey directions of a Garda.
anti-social	> Number of offensive weapons seized.
behaviour,	Number of proceedings under Sections 31, 32, 33 Intoxicating Liquor Act 1988.
	> Number of violent crimes* per 1,000 population and percentage detected.
	> Number of attacks on the elderly (over sixty-five years of age) and number of persons prosecuted.
	➤ Number of Neighbourhood Watch and Community Alert Schemes operating and number of meetings held.
	➤ Number of CCTV programmes completed.
	> Number of headline and non-headline offences perpetrated against tourists.
	Number of Garda interventions at major events e.g. concerts, football matches etc.
	> Number of prosecutions of license holders under the licensing laws.
	> Number of applications for closure orders in respect of licensed premises.
	➤ Issue the new Garda operational uniform and safety equipment in first half of 2005.
	* All offences in the headline offence groups used in the Garda Siochána Annual Report: Group 1 Homicides, Group 2 Assaults, Group 3 Sexual Offences, Group 8 Robberies and the following offences, manslaughter (traffic fatality), Dangerous driving causing death, Dangerous driving causing serious bodily harm, Concealment of birth, Aggravated burglary, Abandoning a child and child neglect or cruelty.

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Divisional Actions	Divisional Performance Indicators	
Public Order Enforcement	Pro-arrest Policy: Continued implementation of a pro-arrest and charge policy to be achieved through High Visibility Policing at times and locations already identified as problem locations.	
	Objective — To reduce the incidences of unsocial behaviour • Weekly Operation Encounter returns Exclusion Orders - Crim Justice (Public Order) Act, 03	
	Number of exclusion orders imposed by District Judge	
LIQUOR LICENSING LAW ENFORCEMENT	There will be a special focus on preventing and prosecuting the selling of alcohol to intoxicated patrons and permitting drunkenness on licensed premises.	
	Number of covert/overt inspections of licensed premises (logged on PULSE)	
	Under Age Drinking: Strict enforcement of the Liquor Licensing Laws, particularly underage drinking - sections 31, 32 & 33 of Intoxicating Liquor Act 1988	
	Number of covert/overt inspections of licensed premises (logged on PULSE)	
	Closure Orders – Intox Liquor Act 2000 Closure Orders provided for under the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2000 and made by order of the Court will be strictly enforced.	
	 Number of prosecutions Number of convictions Number pending Number dismissed/struck out Number of closure orders Number of days closed Number under appeal 	
Joint Inspection Operations between Garda & Fire Service	Number of joint inspection operations conducted on licensed premises	

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Strategic Goal Five	National Performance Indicators	
	> Achieve the 2005 recruitment quota in line with Government	
Public Confidence:	targets. > Percentage of emergency calls responded to within 15	
	minutes.	
To improve confidence in	Conduct a Public Attitude Survey in 2005.	
NOWER A 19 TH MARKET TO THE PROPERTY OF THE PR	> Assess the quality of Garda response in terms of timeliness,	
An Garda Síochána.	helpfulness, competence, sensitivity, politeness and interest.	
	Number of complaints made against members of An Garda Síochána.	
	Increase the number of referrals to Victim Support.	
	➤ Assess the satisfaction rating among victims of crime with being kept informed of case-progress.	
A SAME TO SAME	 Participation in City and County Development Boards, 	
	R.A.P.I.D., and local community-led schemes.	
	> Assess public perception of Garda performance at local level	
	(segmented by housing tenure), via the Public Attitude	
	Survey.	
	Assess the business community's perception of Garda	
	performance at local level (segmented by retail,	
	manufacturing, financial, and other service enterprises), via	
	the Public Attitude Survey.	
	Proportion of Garda time spent on outdoor duty.	
	> Number of Gardaí available for operational duty per 1,000	
	population. Percentage satisfaction with response to incidents requiring an	
	 Percentage satisfaction with response to incidents requiring an immediate response in each division. 	
	➤ Ensure certification/validation of all PULSE entries within	
	one month of the end of each quarter	
	➤ Increase the accuracy rate in PULSE data capture, via the	
	PULSE Quality Board by 5%.	
A service of the serv	➤ Increase timeliness of data entry on PULSE by 5%.	
	> Ensure integrity of PULSE database by active supervisory	
	review of records.	
	> Raise awareness of the quality of the service An Garda	
	Síochána delivers.	
	➤ Build on the EFQM Excellence Model pilots at the Garda	
	College and DMR South Central.	
	> Satisfaction with how a telephone query was handled, speed	
	of answering, whether the respondent identified the station and gave his/her name.	
	 Percentage of emergency calls answered within 10 seconds. 	
	 Percentage of letters answered within ten working days. 	
	 Maintain financial projections within budget for planned 	
	policing activities.	

Divisional Policing Plan 2005		
Divisional Actions	Divisional Performance Indicators	
COMMUNITY COMMITMENT	A focused approach to community policing through beat/foot/cycle patrols.	
	• District Officers will endeavour to assign member(s) to community policing.	
	• The Crime Prevention Officer/Community Relations Officer, in collaboration with the Community Alert/Neighbourhood Watch/Business Watch liaison Gardaí will look at new ways to increase communication with these schemes.	
	• To maintain links with local Radio Stations, to ensure that airtime is available for special features and regular Garda Programmes — CPO to utilise this facility on ongoing basis	
Quality Service	DIVISIONAL QUALITY SERVICE POLICY WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: • Answering all emergency calls within 10 seconds • Responding to all emergency calls within 15 minutes • Keeping victims of crime informed of case progress • Answering all telephone calls in a polite/timely manner	
	SPOT CHECKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY DIVISIONAL QUALITY SERVICE MANAGER & DISTRICT OFFICERS WHO WILL ENSURE THAT REMEDIAL ACTION IS TAKEN WHERE POLICY IS NOT ADHERED TO	
PULSE SYSTEM	 DIVISIONAL OFFICER / DISTRICT OFFICERS & DIVISIONAL PULSE AGENT TO PROMOTE PULSE SYSTEM BY: Ensuring the integrity of PULSE database by active supervisory review/review clarification Ensuring certification/validation of PULSE entries within one month of the end of each quarter Increasing timeliness of data entry on PULSE Ensuring the accuracy rate in PULSE data capture 	
Special Projects	 Carrying out spot checks on data quality Continued participation in special projects in Mullingar/Athlone & Longford and RAPID programme (Athlone) 	

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Strategic Goal Six	National Performance Indicators	
Ethnic and Cultural Diversity:	Satisfaction levels with Garda service provided to members of ethnic/religious minority groups as indicated by the Public Attitude Survey for this period.	
To build the capability of An Garda Síochána to fulfil the emerging policing needs of our	> Number of complaints from members of ethnic/religious minority groups relating to Garda service.	
diverse ethnic and multi-cultural communities.	> Number of reported racially motivated offences.	
	Steps taken to encourage members of ethnic and multi-cultural communities to join An Garda Síochána.	
	> Steps taken to remove constitutional, equivalence, and linguistic barriers which restrict entry to An Garda Síochána.	
	Further improve the Garda service in immigration matters to all persons.	
	Extent of increased interaction at national level between ethnic and multi-cultural communities and the Garda Racial and Intercultural Office and also at local level with Ethnic Liaison Officers.	
	Enhance the foreign language capability within An Garda Síochána.	
	> Number of Gardaí undertaking foreign language courses.	
	> Establishment of a database of language skills.	
	Number of joint meetings between ethnic and multi-cultural communities and An Garda Síochána.	

Divisional Policing Plan 2005			
Divisional Actions	Divisional Performance Indicators		
Human Rights Policing	All Garda personnel in Longford/Westmeath Division are committed to Human Rights Policing by adhering to the following:		
	 Respecting the rights of everyone it comes into contact with – the community in general, victims of crime and witnesses, suspects and detainees and all employees in An Garda Siochána Protecting the more vulnerable members of the community Non discrimination of any group of people Using police powers with the minimum use of force – no more force than is strictly necessary Being fully committed to the communities in Longford/Westmeath Division, through community involvement, observance of the law, clear and open policies, procedures and decision making and monitoring of compliance Conducting Garda business in an open, honest & accountable manner at all times 		
IMMIGRATION SERVICE	 To continue the commitment of one full-time member employed on immigration duties in Mullingar/Athlone & Longford Districts, so as to improve the Garda Immigration Service Immigration Officers to liaise with Community Welfare Officers on a regular basis - Number of meetings Liaison Garda appointed to the Asylum Seekers Unit, Athlone – Number of visits 		

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