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Community Safety – A New Approach

Healthy Ireland Enabling Wellbeing Webinar
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Community Safety: New Approach



Background:

- 2018 Commission on the Future of Policing in Ireland report
- Development of new Community Safety Policy
- Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024 – Part 3

Community Safety: New Approach



- About people being safe, and feeling safe, in their communities
- Community Safety not solely responsibility of An Garda Síochána
- Whole of government responsibility and priority, with focus on prevention and early intervention
- Empower communities to have a strong say in what actions are prioritised by services operating in their area

Local Community Safety Partnership – Objectives



Local Community Safety Partnership Composition



Pilot Local Community Safety Partnerships



- Dublin's North Inner City, Waterford and Longford
- Identify elements to improve the delivery of a national programme on community safety
- Bespoke Local Community Safety Plans
- Independent Evaluation Published

Local Community Safety Partnership Chair



- Provides leadership and strategic direction
- Develops and Implements the Local Community Safety Plan in conjunction with both community and public services
- Advocates for and represents LCSP to the public, media and other stakeholders as appropriate.
- Volunteer Role; Three year term

Local Community Safety Partnership Coordinator



- Grade VII post supported by a Grade IV Administrator
- Role description provided by Department of Justice
- Embedded in local authority structure
- Work collaboratively with a wide variety of stakeholders
- Supports Chair and LCSP members in delivering Local Community Safety Plan and Community Safety Projects

Community Safety Infrastructure



- Designated Cabinet Committee
- National Steering Group
- National Office for Community Safety
- Local Community Safety Partnerships
- National Strategy on Community Safety



National Office for Community Safety



- National Office for Community Safety will be formally established later this year
- Led by designated Director
- Foster interagency collaboration and cross-sectoral coordination
- Responsible for delivering the objectives of the national strategy
- Provide training, guidance and other supports to the Local Community Safety Partnerships
- Promote public awareness of issues affecting community safety

Next Steps



- Set up the National Office of Community Safety
- Drafting of Regulations under PSCS Act
- Continued selection of LCSP Teams: Chairs, Coordinators and Administrators
- Begin national rollout of the Local Community Safety Partnerships
- Develop the National Community Safety Strategy



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Thank you

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