



Tipperary Joint Policing Committee

*Strategic Plan
2015-2021*

March 2016



1.0 Background & Introduction

Section 35 of An Garda Síochána Act 2005 provides for the establishment of Joint Policing Committees. Tipperary Joint Policing Committee was established in 2014 following the merger of North and South Tipperary County Councils and the abolishment of North Tipperary JPC and South Tipperary JPC.

Section 36(2) of the Act provides that a JPC's function is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the local authority's administrative area, and in particular to

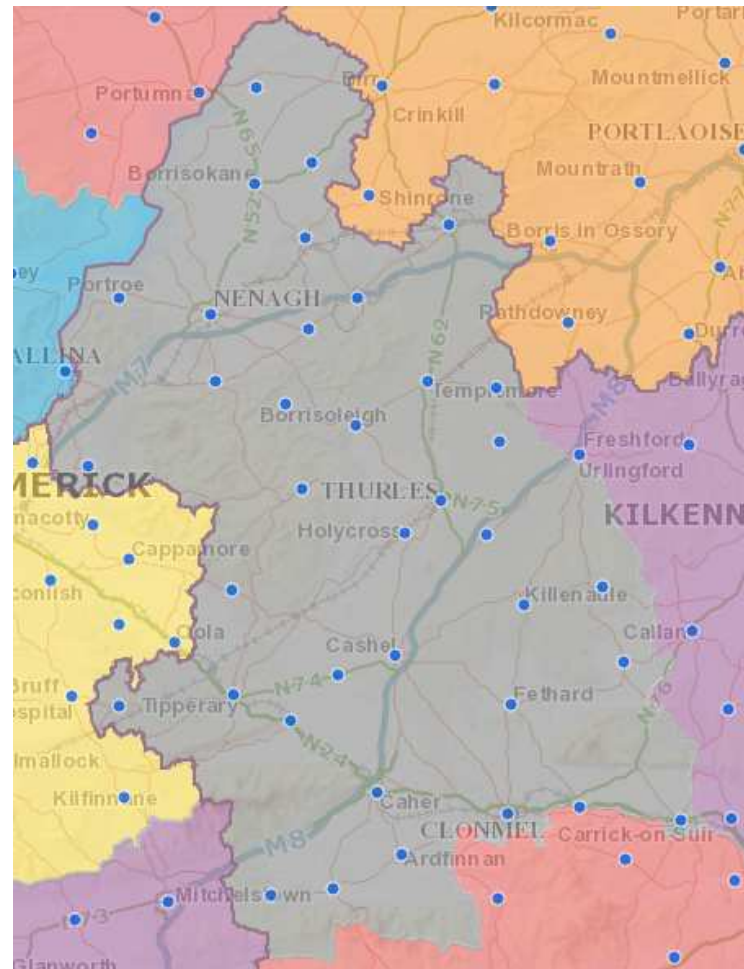
- ❖ Keep under review, a) the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti social behaviour (including the patterns and levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs) and b) the underlying factors that contributes to these issues.
- ❖ Advise the local authority and the Garda Síochána on how they might best perform their functions and do everything feasibly possible to improve the safety and quality of life, to prevent crime, disorder and anti social behaviour.
- ❖ Arrange and host public meetings concerning matters affecting the policing of the local authorities administrative area.
- ❖ Establish in consultation with the local Garda Superintendent and specific neighbourhoods, local policing fora to discuss and make recommendations to the JPC.
- ❖ Co-ordinate the activities of local policing fora. Taken from the Joint Policing Forum guidelines.



1.1 Garda Districts Covered by the Tipperary Joint Policing Committee

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Tipperary Garda Policing Division showing Garda Stations

Division HQ Thules

Populations 158,979

Area sq miles 1,702.01 (4408.19KM)



1.2 Tipperary Joint Policing Subcommittee Membership 2015

- ❖ **Local Authority Elected Members** Cllr Martin Lonergan, Cllr Andy Moloney, Cllr Catherine Carey, Cllr Phyll Bugler, Cllr Fiona Bonfield, Cllr Hughie McGrath, Cllr John Crosse, Cllr Denis Leahy, Cllr Roger Kennedy, Cllr David Dunne, Cllr Kieran Bourke, Cllr Imelda Goldsboro, Cllr David Doran, Cllr Michael Smith, Vacant Hurls MD seat
- ❖ **Oireachtas Elected members Senator** Denis Landy, Deputy Mattie McGrath, Deputy Jackie Cahill Deputy Michael Lowry, Deputy Seamus Healy
- ❖ **Community/Business Reps** Billy Collins (Farming Pillar), Joe Leahy (Business Pillar), Carmel O'Neill (PPN Tipperary/Cashel MD), Catherine Guest (PPN Thurles MD), Margaret Sheehy (PPN Nenagh MD,) VACANT (PPN Carrick MD), Vacant (Clonmel PPN MD)
- ❖ **An Garda Síochána** Chief Superintendent Catherine Keogh and Superintendent(s) to attend depending on location and theme of JPC
- ❖ **Tipperary County Council** -Sinead Carr, Margo Hayes

An Garda Síochána and Tipperary Council may be accompanied by other Garda officers and other officials as deemed appropriate.



1.3 Role of members

While the Garda and TCC partnership is central to the effective operation of the JPC

- ❖ It is essential that there is a collective approach to assigning and accepting responsibility.
- ❖ JPC members should indicate what they will contribute to its work. All stakeholders have a role to play.
- ❖ All members should be familiar with the Guidelines.
- ❖ All members should know the 3 strategic priorities identified for the year. A constructive and collaborative approach by all members is required to achieve results.
- ❖ All members should promote the work, achievements and success of the JPC through all channels of communication.
- ❖ Members should be aware that policing issues that arise in County Tipperary should in the first instance be referred to the relevant Garda Station.



1.4 Operation of the Tipperary JPC

The current Guidelines state that this JPC should be strategic. It should not be a forum for addressing matters of detail. It should set priorities and be action orientated.

- ❖ The Tipperary JPC is required to prepare a **Six Year Strategic Plan**
- ❖ The **Annual Work Plan** which includes objectives from the Policing Plan must identify **3 strategic priorities**
- ❖ The main business of the JPC meeting must be devoted to progressing items on the Annual Work Plan
- ❖ The Tipperary JPC **Annual Report** is a statutory requirement and must reflect the progress made in achieving the objectives contained in the Annual Work Plan
- ❖ The guidelines state that the JPC meetings should not become a “talking shop”. Discussion of issues should be outcome focused and in this context should be of a constructive nature.
- ❖ A communication strategy is an essential element of the work of the JPC.
- ❖ To raise awareness and support for the work of the JPC full use should be made of existing networks.
- ❖ The work of the JPC should be publicised through local press and radio and through the use of on-line communications.
- ❖ It is envisaged that a community meeting will be held in each year of the Plan in order to calibrate that the issues of the Strategic Plan align with the needs of the Community -Section 36 (2) (c) of the Garda Síochána Act
- ❖ A **Steering Committee** reviews the progress of this JPC throughout the year and agrees the agenda for the meetings.



1.5 Strategy Development Process

Phase 1 Preparation of Draft Strategy for JPC review

Date	JPC Development Stage	
February 2015	Community Consultation Phase (Local Economic and Community Plan). Community Consultations across the 5 Municipal Districts and	Community and Safety Issues and Proposed actions recorded.
March 2015	Submissions Sought and Accepted	Community and Safety Issues and Proposed actions recorded.
April 2015- Septemner-2015	Data Gathering-CSO Data in relation to Crime statistics, reference to Tipperary' Policing Plan and Local Drugs Task Force Strategies	
June 2015	Joint Policing Committee Workshop	Input to Strategy from JPC members
October 2015	Meeting with Chief Superintendent for agreement and Comments JPC Strategy to Municipal Districts and Directors for input October 2015	Amendments/additions made to strategy
November 2015	Draft JPC Strategy 2015-21 to JPC for comment	Amendments/additions made to strategy

Phase 2 Agencies and Community Consultation Phase

January 2016	Draft JPC Strategy was sent to partner agencies for input and agency meeting held and those agencies who could not attend were met on a one to one basis and submissions received.	Sign off and agreement of agencies
February 6 th 2016	Presentation at the PPN Plenary and Community Safety Questionnaire disseminated and collected	Amendments/additions made to strategy
February 18 th 2016	Community Safety Consultation for PPN groups, Thurles	Amendments/additions made to strategy
February 2016	Second Draft send to JPC members by email/post	No amendments suggested.
March 4 th 2016	JPC Strategy to JPC members for adoption	JPC adopted the Strategy
April 11 th 2016	JPC Strategy to full Tipperary County Council	



1.6 Planning & Setting out Priorities in the JPC Strategy

The current guidelines state that each JPC must make strategic plans which link with other appropriate plans and strategies. The appropriate Plans which guide the development of the Tipperary JPC include An Garda Síochána Tipperary District Policing Plan 2015, Local Economic and Community Plan. As well as the Mid Western Drug and Alcohol Forums Strategy and the South Eastern Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force strategy.

The following core principles have been utilised in the preparation of the Tipperary JPC Strategy Plan

- ❖ Identify priority issues
- ❖ Set out clear objectives
- ❖ Set out clear actions
- ❖ Identify key stakeholders
- ❖ Set out timescale for action
- ❖ Set out Monitoring Arrangements

The Plan outlines how through the work of the Tipperary JPCs partners, Tipperary County and the Garda Síochána along with members have the opportunity to contribute to the improved safety and quality of life in the community. This will be achieved through 7 strategic High Priority Objectives which are based on the Department of Justice priorities for An Garda Síochána 2015 as well as issues identified at the JPC workshop held in June 2015.

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| High Priority Objective 1: | Enhance and develop the JPC's function to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of Tipperary |
| High Priority Objective 2 | Reduce the opportunity for crime, support victims of crime |
| High Priority Objective 3 | Keeping our people safe |
| High Priority Objective 4 | Keep our most marginalised people and places safe |
| High Priority Objective 5 | Build community confidence in relation to their safety and security |
| High Priority Objective 6 | Reduce the impact of substance misuse on individuals, families and communities |
| High Priority Objective 7 | Support people who are at risk of offending or reoffending |



2.0 Community Priority Issues

Physical safety and security ranks highly on all quality of life indicators. An Garda Síochána are the principal agency working to provide security in Tipperary. They have a long established tradition of working closely with communities by fostering and maintaining effective community partnerships. Security is a crucial aspect of citizens' lives. Where people face risks of violence and crime that threaten their physical safety, their quality of life is severely diminished. Even if such risks do not materialize, the subjective perception of a threat and the resulting feelings of insecurity still undermine quality of life and makes participation in their community's difficulty. The need to "feel safe and secure" in your own home came across very strongly during the various community consultation processes. Appendix 1 provides an outline of the issues which were raised during the consultation processes.



2.1 Statistical overview

One of the key factual instruments used in measuring the level of safety is through the crime rates which are collated and published through the Central Statistics Office (CSO). The Gardaí also provide regular report on crime figures within the County to the Joint Policing Committee. The table below shows the rerecorded crime offences in the County of Tipperary' between January 2013- and June 2015 on a quarterly basis

Recorded Crime Offences (Number) in Tipperary Garda Division, Type of Offence and Quarter (January 2013-June 2015)

	2013Q1	2013Q2	2013Q3	2013Q4	2014Q1	2014Q2	2014Q3	2014Q4	2015Q1	2015Q2
Homicide offences	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual offences	16	26	11	10	16	11	15	22	9	13
Attempts/threats to murder, assaults, harassments and related offences	102	99	108	115	67	90	94	126	103	111
Dangerous or negligent acts	79	82	84	79	102	84	75	92	98	76
Kidnapping and related offences	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
Robbery, extortion and hijacking offences	5	4	4	11	6	7	5	3	4	5
Burglary and related offences	227	175	173	180	146	151	161	179	159	110
Theft and related offences	372	407	390	300	355	343	362	371	342	362
Fraud, deception and related offences	16	25	21	22	20	33	17	20	31	21
Controlled drug offences	105	127	119	101	78	158	176	160	127	147
Weapons and Explosives Offences	25	30	20	23	11	16	21	11	14	22
Damage to property and to the environment	141	165	138	174	147	130	127	129	134	152
Public order and other social code offences	242	297	227	281	204	265	261	277	263	266



Offences against government, justice procedures and organisation of crime	34	47	49	44	32	41	28	38	37	46
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In the context of this data set, burglary and “theft other” are the main criminal areas of activity in Tipperary with public order also scoring higher than the national average.

There has been some improvement in the burglary and theft since 2014 due to particular targeted actions by AGS but issues around burglary, theft, and drug possession continue to be the main areas of concern for both the AGS and residents in Tipperary

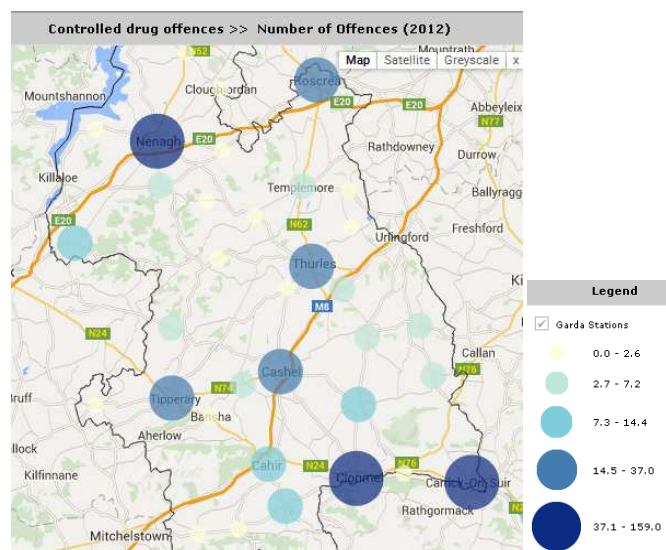
Overall crime in Tipperary in broad terms is at or slightly below the national average in a number of key areas in 2013 with 343.9 reported crimes per 10,000 populations compared to 495.1 in the state (Irish Independent statistics section <http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/crime/stats/>). However crime type and detection can vary from one year to another depending on national and county policing priorities. This is evidenced by the particular priority given to burglary and theft in 2014 where the interim figures demonstrate a very high level of positive action by the Gardaí and a consequent reduction in crime statistics (and detection rates) in these two key areas. In 2014 simple assaults and Assaults causing harm were also down by 5% on the 2013 figure whilst public order and drunkenness declined by 15% on the 2013 figure. Theft related offences are the most common type crimes in the county and drug related crime continues to be an issue and for a rural county, a significant percentage share of the crime type (when compared against the national average) is related to this issue.

Notwithstanding the apparent improvement in the statistics, there is still a very strong perception amongst the communities that they are unsafe or are potentially vulnerable to being victims of crime. The elderly members of the community feel particularly vulnerable and this came across clearly in the consultation process. Drug use and criminal behavior around drugs continue to be a very significant area of concern for all communities and is an area that the strategy will need to focus upon.



2.1.1. Drug Abuse/Misuse

Preventative actions against drug use and targeted actions to reduce the level of criminal activity associated with drug use will continue to be a key priority for AGS in association with other appropriate agencies and stakeholders. The map (number of controlled drug offences 2012) below highlights where there is a high incidence of drug abuse/activity, namely Clonmel, Nenagh, Carrick-on-Suir as well as Roscrea, Tipperary Thurles and Cashel –



Controlled Drug Offences 2013

Particular targeting of actions around the drug use and abuse will continue to be focused on those locations where there is a high incidence of drug abuse/activity.

In terms of substance misuse services, Tipperary county area is covered by two Regional Drugs Task Groups – Mid West and South East Groups. These groups will support the development of a local county Task Groups who will work on county priority issues and will link closely with the JPC in terms of priorities and needs. Appendix 3 provides an overview of the type of services offered by the South East Regional Drugs Task Force and the Mid West Regional Drug Task Force Groups.



2.2 Community Connection - Text Alert Initiative

Some initiatives have been implemented/undertaken on a community basis to address issues around safety and security and drug related crimes from a community perspective. Text Alert is a community based initiative launched in 2013. "Text Alert" is designed to facilitate immediate and cost effective communication from An Garda Síochána to the public. The system is operated in conjunction with Muintir na Tire and there has been a high take-up of the initiative in the county with a total of 54 Text Alert Groups, 12,341 Subscribers and 612 Text Alerts sent to date. A breakdown of the number of text alert groups by district is provided below

Breakdown of Text Alert Groups by Policing District

Thurles District – 17	3,409 subscribers
Clonmel District – 9	2,262 subscribers
Tipperary District – 7	2,606 subscribers
Cahir District – 12	2,550 subscribers
Nenagh District – 9	1,456 subscribers

The text alert system is a particularly useful communication tool and is an area that ought to be given further priority in any JPC strategic plan.

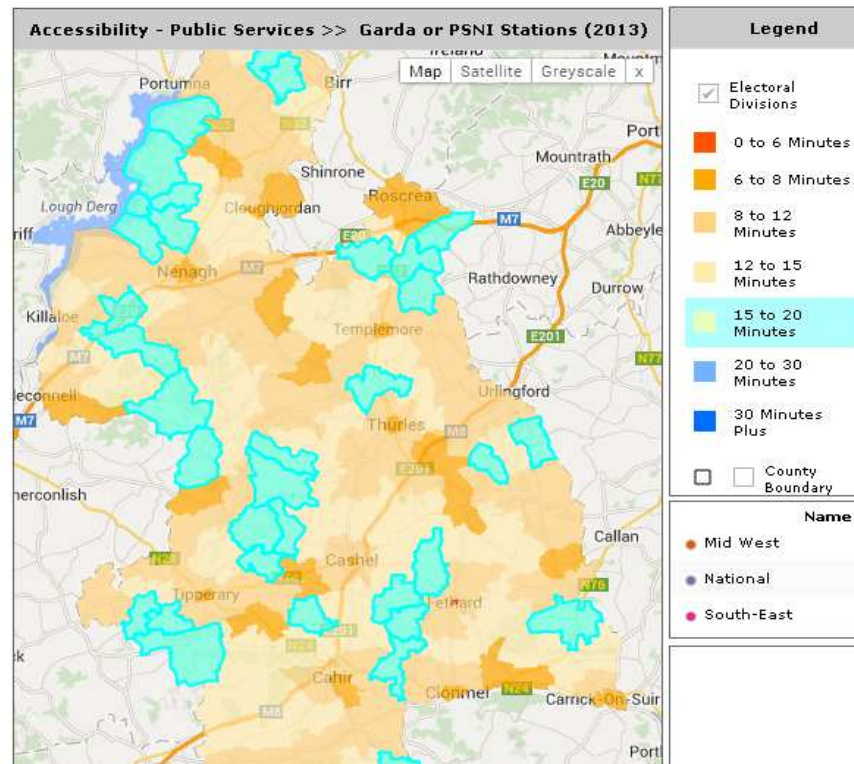
One of the key determinants of a quality of life is the ability for all to feel safe and secure. This is an area that needs to be addressed in any Joint Policing Strategy with a particular focus on the elderly and particularly those elderly in the more remote locations of the county.



2.3 Rural Areas Connecting with AGS

During the consultation processes, the perception by rural areas of the ongoing removal of all types of public services from their communities was raised as a significant concern. The closure of Garda stations and the reduction in Garda numbers formed part of this concern. In particular rural isolated business, such as farms and other isolated business ventures and dwellings felt particularly vulnerable. The map below illustrates the distance from Garda stations in Tipperary by Electoral Division (ED).

MAP 1 – Garda Station Accessibility (hours)



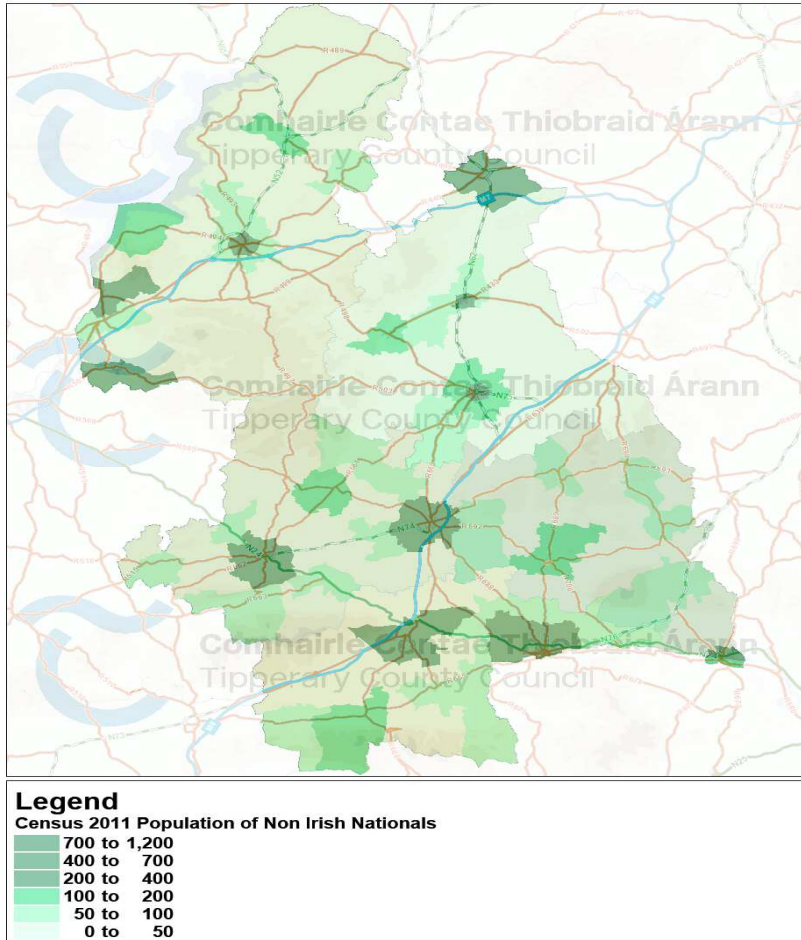
It should be noted that no one area of the county is further than 20 minutes drive from a station and in fact only a few areas (those clustered around the Lakes, the Limerick Boundary, Kilcooley and just south of Roscrea) fall within the 15 - 20 minutes drive band (majority are within 12 – 15 minute drive). However it is reasonable to acknowledge that whilst the Garda station facilities may be within reasonable physical access by car, it does not necessarily determine that the access to the AGS services is in a manner which meets the perceived needs of the community. This needs to be addressed in any JPC communication strategy and alternatives methods should be used to enable the rural communities to feel more connected with their local Garda

2.4 Marginalised Communities connecting with AGS;

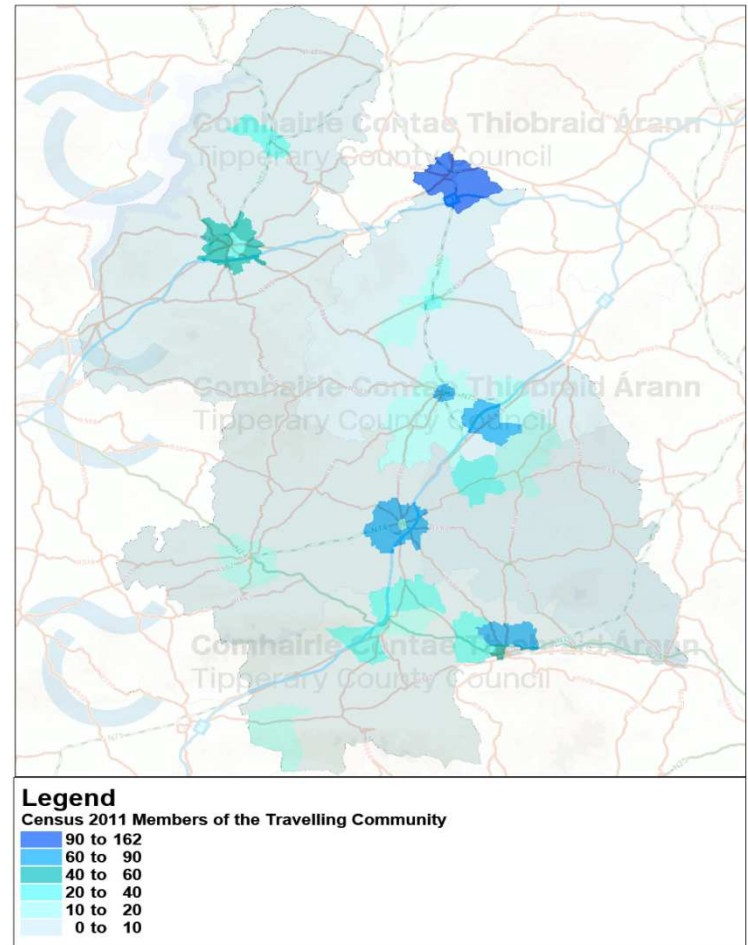
The Community engagement process highlighted the need to break the cycle of criminal activity within vulnerable communities and particularly amongst the young. AGS already undertake a lot of work with communities at this level through initiatives such as community policing and working with key agencies and services such as the Probation Service, Juvenile Liaison Officers and Youth services in supporting projects such as the Garda Youth Diversion Projects, and Restorative Justice programme

On-going work is also required with the Travelling Communities, other ethnic minorities and a particular focus also needs to be brought to bear on the non Irish nationals and on other marginalized communities such as the LGBTI in order to build up a positive and inclusive approach to addressing their safety and security needs. The maps below illustrate where the greatest concentration of some of these communities are within the County of Tipperary.





Map Distribution of population of non Irish nationals



Map - Distribution of members of the Travelling Community



3.0 Priority Objectives & JPC Strategic Actions

The Strategic Plan below builds on the issues raised through the community consultation process and outlines how, through the work of the Tipperary JPCs partners, it will contribute to the improved safety and quality of life in the community. The issues raised above can be accommodated and aligned with the 7 strategic High Priority Objectives (Dept of Justice priorities for An Gardaí 2015)

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- High Priority Objective 7 Support people who are at risk of offending or reoffending



High Priority Objective 1: Enhance and develop the JPC's function to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of Tipperary

	Strategic Objective	Summary of Actions to be taken	Lead Agency/Key Partners	Timescale for Action	Summarise Progress Achieved
1.1	Keep under review the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behavior (including the patterns and levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs) and the underlying factors that contribute to these issues	Present quarterly preliminary statistics to the JPC.	Garda Síochána	Quarterly	
1.2	Support members of the JPC to improve the safety and quality of life, to prevent crime, disorder and anti social behaviour.	Support training of JPC members Invite relevant Guest Speakers to meeting of the JPC to inform JPC members on relevant programmes and strategies e.g. South East Regional Drugs Task Group & Mid West Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Group, Youth Services, Family support organisations Provide a budget for the JPC to carry support the actions above	TCC TCC TCC	On going Annually 2015-20 (inclusive)	
1.3	Develop Community Safety Committees at MD level to discuss issues relevant to that geographic	Support the development of Municipal District Local community safety teams	TCC/An Garda Síochána	2016	



	area implement actions.				
1.4	Develop a PPN Community Safety Linkage group (s) to feed into Policing policy	Host public meeting and support the development of PPN linkage groups in relation to safety and security and substance misuse	PPN/ TCC/An Garda Siochána	2016	
High Priority Objective 2 - Reduce the opportunity for crime, support victims of crime (An Garda Siochána Policing Plan Goal 2)					
	Strategic Objective	Summary of Actions to be taken	Lead Agency/Key Partners	Timescale for Action	Summarise Progress Achieved
2.1	Develop and implement proactive policing operations to reduce crime.	Implement national model of crime prevention including the Improvement of crime management & investigation techniques and enhancing data integrity. Tackle organised crime	An Garda Siochána	Ongoing	
2.2	Installation of CCTV Technology	Review CCTV provision county wide and explore the possibility of installing a CCTV system in key areas identified. Review of CCTV in commercial premises and consideration of grants for upgrade of quality. Installation of CCTV	TCC/ An Garda Siochána TCC/ An Garda Siochána TCC/ An Garda	2016 2017	



		technology off motorways exits in Co Tipperary near areas of high criminal activity –Resource Dependant	Siochána		
2.3	Continue to promote and develop the text alert system	Review the operation of the text alert system and develop a national consistent platform and model for the system delivery.	An Garda Siochána/IFA/Muintir na Tíre	Ongoing	
2.4	Support victims of crime	Provide assistance to victims through the victims Office established at Templemore Garda Station. Implementation of <i>'the Drug Related Intimidation Reporting Programme'</i>	An Garda Siochána/PPN An Garda Siochána	Ongoing	
2.5	Addressing issues of Anti-Social behavior	Implement Local Authority Anti-Social Behavior Strategy Identify and monitor “hot spots” including laneways in the context of anti-social behavior Statistics Provide Estate Management Statistics in relation to anti-social behaviour complaints Implement the <i>'Crime Prevention through Environmental Design'</i> screening on any new	TCC An Garda Siochána TCC TCC/An Garda Siochána	Annually Ongoing 2017 2017	



		Housing Development Planning applications			
2.6	Protecting the farming and business sectors	Rollout of initiatives with the farming community and business community around protecting property and maximizing safety (e.g. IFA theft stop) Attendance of Gardaí at Farm organization meetings and events.	An Gardaí Siochána An Gardaí Siochána	2018	
2.7	Build on existing partnerships between Tipperary County Council, Local groups and the Gardaí in relation to Halloween controlling and removing bonfire materials at Halloween	Halloween Working Group to be established /maintained in towns with regular meetings to be held prior to Halloween. A comprehensive bonfire prevention and management plan for each at risk area.	MD Community Safety Committees / An Gardaí Siochána/ Youth organizations/PPN	Ongoing	
High Priority Objective 3 - Keeping our people safe					
Ensuring public safety through community oriented policing and high visibility roads policing					
		Summary of Actions to be taken	Lead Agency/Key Partners	Timescale for Action	Summarise Progress Achieved
3.1	Road Safety Plan	Implement AGS road safety plan in conjunction with Roads SPC to assist in reducing road deaths and accidents including the	An Garda Siochána/TCC/RSA	Annually	



		<p>promotion of community based education such as the Road Safety Awareness Programmes held in schools and awareness of car safety for children.</p> <p>Maintain enforcement of 'lifesaver' offences on roads</p>	An Garda Siochána/RSA	Ongoing	
3.2	Develop community safety initiatives targeting older people or vulnerable people living alone	<p>Support the rollout of the Senior Alert Scheme to provide personal monitored alarms to vulnerable older people.</p> <p>Implement a volunteer initiative that specifically encourages neighbours to visit and look out for older vulnerable people living alone.</p> <p>Roll out of the 'Good Morning Tipperary' initiative to the whole county</p>	<p>Community Alert groups /PPN</p> <p>Macra na Feirme/ Tipperary Volunteer Centre/An Garda Siochána/Age Friendly County Committee</p> <p>Muintir na Tíre/TCC/Tipperary Volunteer Centre</p>	<p>2017</p> <p>2017</p> <p>2017</p>	
3.3	Continue to implement bye-laws and existing legislation to combat drinking on open spaces and in public places.	Continued liaison with the licensed trade and those involved in the management	An Garda Siochána	Ongoing	



		of the night time economy Referrals of offenders to the substance misuse treatment services where applicable	An Garda Síochána		
3.4	Explore the development of protocols around the control of horses and racing on public roads	Look at models in relation to control of horse from other counties and seek to develop appropriate bylaws to safeguard animal welfare, road users and the public	TCC/An Garda Síochána /Interagency Traveller Committee/Tipperary Rural Traveller project	2016	
High Priority Objective 4 – Keep our most marginalised people and places safe					
	Strategic Objective	Summary of Actions to be taken	Lead Agency/Key Partners	Timescale for Action	Summarise Progress Achieved
4.1	Support safety and security in our most marginalised areas in the county	Include safety and security as a key issue in the plans developed for marginalised areas such as TSP Strategy or RAPID plans, PPN workplan and Local Development Strategy	TCC/NTLP/STDC/ RAPID AITs/Roscrea/Littleton CAP	2016 and ongoing	
4.2	Support vulnerable families in relation to safety and security	Roll out the ‘Know your patch’ programme on an all county basis in conjunction with the PPN, Business and Farming Pillar Designated ‘Know your patch Garda’ to link with and support projects and community based projects working within their areas.	An Garda Síochána An Garda Síochána Community Based Resourced Centre. CDPs/LDCs/	2016-20 2016	



4.3	Promote initiatives that reduce Domestic Violence and support victims of Domestic Sexual Gender Based Violence	<p>Roll out of the second National Strategy on Domestic , Sexual an Gender based Violence Action Plan 2016-2020</p> <p>Increase Awareness among young people in relation to sexual consent and healthy relationships</p> <p>Provision of an information, support and advocacy service for women who have or are experiencing domestic abuse</p>	<p>An Garda Síochána</p> <p>Comhairle na nOg /Ascend/Cuan Soar/</p> <p>Ascend/Cuan Saor</p>	<p>2016-20</p> <p>2018</p>	
4.4	Develop a safety and security plan for non-Irish nationals with little or no English	Support community organisations to help promote good relationships between different communities and to establish links between immigrant communities and the Gardaí.	An Garda Síochána– (Ethnic Liaisons officer) PPN	<p>2017</p> <p>2017</p>	
<p>High Priority Objective 5 – Build community confidence in relation to their safety and security</p> <p>(An Garda Síochana Policing Plan Goal)</p>					
	Strategic Objective	Summary of Actions to be taken	Lead Agency/Key Partners	Timescale for Action	Summarise Progress Achieved
5.1	Develop a communication strategy in relation to safety and security initiatives	Communications sub group of JPC to be developed with responsibility for developing a Communications Strategy.	JPC	2016	



		<p>The strategy to include developing appropriate protocols around information exchange and decimating relevant materials through appropriate means to lead and partner agencies.</p> <p>The PPN to be developed as a key tool to communicate with the community and voluntary sector about safety and security initiatives through the development of a safety linkage group</p>	<p>PPN/JPC</p>		
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High Priority Objective 6 – Reduce the impact of substance misuse on individuals, families and communities

(An Garda Síochana Policing Plan Goal)

	Strategic Objective	Summary of Actions to be taken	Lead Agency/Key Partners	Timescale for Action	Summarise Progress Achieved
6.1	To work together to provide alternatives to anti-social behaviour for young people (target audience age 10 –21years)	To support the use of sport, as an effective tool in engaging young people at risk of drug misuse into more structured and positive activities Supports groups/clubs to develop a alcohol and drugs policy	TSP/TCC/ An Garda Síochána TSP/CBDIs/HSE/ PPN/ An Garda Síochána	2016	
6.2	Improve safety for young people	Develop a safety campaign to make Tipperary' a safer place for young people.	Comhairle na nOg/TRYS/Foroige/TCC/ An Garda Síochána	2017	
6.3	Support the implementation of the actions of The South East Regional and Mid West Regional Drug and Alcohol Strategies that are relevant to Tipperary	Support linkages and information sharing between the RDATF and the JPC	RDATFs/JPC/ An Garda Síochána	2016	



**High Priority Objective 7 – Support people who are at risk of offending or reoffending
(An Garda Síochána Policing Plan Goal)**

	Strategic Objective	Summary of Actions to be taken	Lead Agency/Key Partners	Timescale for Action	Summarise Progress Achieved
7.1	Promote Restorative Justice models	Explore the expansion of the restorative Justice project model to a county wide basis.	An Garda Síochána	2017	
7.2	Support youth diversion projects in the county	Work with youth diversion projects to help connect young people into recreational/ community/ educational opportunities	An Garda Síochána /GYDPs/ETB	Ongoing	





APPENDICES



APPENDIX 1

Recorded Crime Offences (Number) by Garda Division, Type of Offence and Quarter

	2014Q4	2015Q1	2015Q2	2015Q3
51 ,Tipperary Garda Division				
Sexual offences	22	10	15	24
Rape and sexual assault	21	8	10	17
Other sexual offences	1	2	5	7
Attempts/threats to murder, assaults, harassments and related offences	126	105	116	128
Murder-threat	7	5	9	9
Harassment and related offences	12	5	4	6
Assault causing harm, poisoning	31	21	35	37
Other assault	76	74	68	76
Dangerous or negligent acts	92	98	77	78
Driving/in charge of a vehicle while over legal alcohol limit	81	89	73	75
Driving/in charge of a vehicle under the influence of drugs	4	6	2	1
Abandoning a child, child neglect and cruelty	5	1	0	0
Endangering traffic offences	2	2	2	2
Kidnapping and related offences	1	0	0	0
False imprisonment	1	0	0	0
Robbery, extortion and hijacking offences	3	4	5	4
Robbery of an establishment or institution	2	2	0	2
Robbery from the person	1	2	5	2
Burglary and related offences	179	160	106	111
Aggravated burglary	1	0	1	1
Burglary (not aggravated)	177	159	104	110
Possession of an article (with intent to burgle, steal, demand)	1	1	1	0
Theft and related offences	371	339	363	351
Theft/taking of vehicle and related offences	25	37	24	26
Theft from person	7	9	2	8
Theft from shop	123	107	105	122
Other thefts, handling stolen property	216	186	232	195
Fraud, deception and related offences	20	34	23	40
Controlled drug offences	160	127	147	98
Cultivation or manufacture of drugs	2	2	2	2

Possession of drugs for sale or supply	23	26	26	15
Possession of drugs for personal use	126	95	106	78
Other drug offences	9	4	13	3
Weapons and Explosives Offences	11	14	22	22
Discharging a firearm	0	2	0	2
Possession of a firearm	2	0	2	4
Offensive weapons offences (n.e.c.)	9	10	20	14
Fireworks offences	0	2	0	2
Damage to property and to the environment	129	134	152	143
Arson	4	9	8	7
Criminal damage (not arson)	124	124	144	135
Litter offences	1	1	0	1
Public order and other social code offences	277	263	266	190
Disorderly conduct	232	242	240	166
Trespass offences	28	12	15	16
Liquor licensing offences	13	2	9	5
Regulated betting/money, collection/trading offences	4	2	2	1
Social code offences (n.e.c.)	0	5	0	2
Offences against government, justice procedures and organisation of crime	38	37	61	34
Offences against government and its agents	3	0	1	1
Organisation of crime and conspiracy to commit crime	1	1	0	0
Perverting the course of justice	1	0	0	1
Offences while in custody, breach of court orders	33	36	60	32

APPENDIX 2

List of Alcohol and Substance Misuse Services

South Tipperary Alcohol and Substance misuse services <http://www.serdtf.ie/> provide a full directory of services for

- Substance Misuse Team, Health Service Executive - South East Area
- Alcohol & Addiction Treatment Service
- Aiséirí Residential Treatment Centre
- Community Based Drugs Initiative
- Outreach Worker

The following services are available in Northern part of the county primarily on an Outreach basis.

HSE Nth Tipperary Community Drug & Alcohol Service - Nenagh : (targets young people and adults affected by drug use), including advice, information, counselling, training and education as well as harm minimisation, needle exchange and referral to the methadone programme. (Nenagh) Walk in screenings on Mondays from 10am – 12.30pm

Ana Liffey Drugs Project Midwest: An adult low threshold, harm reduction outreach service. Worker allocated to Nth Tipperary one day a week (Tuesday).

Community Substance Misuse Team: An early intervention service for young people and their families including education and family programmes. This service also works with NTLP in supporting a Family Support Group, now located in Templemore (previously in Roscrea).

Novas Community Detox: Provides safer detox from benzo's and methadone on an outpatient basis and is part of a national initiative.

Novas Family Respite House: A safe space for families, without the substance misuser, giving them time to reflect and nurture their own needs. The house is located in North Tipperary and transport is available.

APPENDIX 3 –Glossary

TCC	Tipperary County Council
PPN	Public Participation Network
IFA	Irish Farmers Association
NRA	National Roads Authority
TSP	Tipperary Sports Partnership
MWRTATF	Mid Western Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Forum
SERDATF	South Eastern Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force
LDC	Local Development Companies e.g. North Tipperary Leader Partnership and South Tipperary Development Company
CBDI	Community Based Drugs Initiative
CAP	Community Action Partnership
MD	Municipal District