MEETING MINUTES

Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership – Open to all Cork City Elected Reps and Media	
Date:	Friday 6th February 2026.
Time:	2.00 - 3.30pm.
Venue:	Cork City Council Chambers.
Attendance:	**Appendix I**
List of responses:	**Appendix II, Appendix III, Appendix IV, Appendix V**

Welcome address by Chairperson Cllr Terry Shannon- Cllr Shannon noted that this was the first Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) meeting for Elected Reps to take place in the country. He advised that the Cork LCSP was only recently established, having only had one working meeting last December and so, the purpose of this meeting was to inform Elected members of how the LCSP operates and future plans including the development of the first ever Cork City Local Safety Plan this year. Cllr Shannon also noted the presence of the media in the gallery.

Address by new Chief Supt. Colm Noonan- Chief Supt. Noonan pledged the full support of the Cork City Division of An Garda Síochána (AGS) for this new initiative and emphasised the importance of partnership working to improve Community Safety in Cork City.

Presentation by Sandy McGroarty LCSP Coordinator (slides circulated to attendees after meeting)

Presentation by Supt. John Deasy, An Garda Siochana on Crime Trends. (slides not for circulation, only permitted for presentation on screen)

Submitted Questions

33 questions were submitted by Elected Members ahead of the meeting. However, it was noted that many of those questions were compound questions containing up to 3 separate questions within. Of the 33 questions received, 18 pertained to An Garda Síochána, 10 pertained to the Local Community Safety Partnership, 3 pertained to Cork City Council (CCC) and 2 pertained to the HSE. Responses were delivered verbally by Supt John Deasy (AGS), Sandy McGroarty (LCSP), Rebecca Loughry (CCC) and David Lane (HSE). It was noted that some questions directed to An Garda Síochána were concerned with neighbourhood issues and so, not suitable for the LCSP and should be redirected to the Neighbourhood/Local Safety Fora. Also, many questions were answered in the presentation delivered by An Garda Síochána. Attendees were informed that, as per the standing orders, questions would be given verbally at the meeting and recorded in the minutes. Once approved by LCSP members at the following meeting, the minutes would be published on the webpage www.corkcity.ie/communitysafety

The full list of questions and responses is in Appendix II.

Q&A

Several questions were raised and responses given (see appendix II). Several attendees raised concerns about the fact that the presentation on Crime Trends was not legible as the data on the slides was far too small. Many requests were made for the circulation of the presentation after the meeting. Supt. Deasy informed attendees that they were not permitted to share the presentation either via hardcopy at the meeting or via soft copy afterwards. They are only permitted to share the presentation on the screen.
Presentation on the City Centre Wardens by John Hayes, City Centre Coordinator, Cork City Council (Slides shared via email to all attendees after meeting)
Presentation on the Nighttime Economy and Cork After Dark project (funded by National Safety Fund 2025) by Fiona Collins, Nighttime Economy Advisor, Cork City Council (Slides shared via email to all attendees after meeting)
Closing Remarks from the Chair Cllr Terry Shannon.

Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership – Closed session	
Date:	Friday 6th February 2026.
Time:	3.30 - 4.00pm.
Venue:	Cork City Council Chambers.

Attendance	18/30
Quorum:	YES
Apologies:	Cllr Terry Shannon
As Chair, Cllr Terry Shannon, has given his apologies, the meeting will be chaired by Vice Chair, Cllr Ciara O Connor.	
1. **Declaration of Interest** – No declarations.	
2. **Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting** – Approved.	
3. **Matters Arising** No matters arising.	
4. **Working / Sub-Groups.** A new Sub-Group for the development of the Local Safety Plan has been established. Any member wishing to attend should email Coordinator. Other two Working Groups to meet the following Wednesday and each month (online) thereafter.	
5. **Members Survey.** This will be recirculated to members again and all members encouraged to complete it as the findings will help create a starting point for development of Local Safety Plan.	

Members are also encouraged to complete the National Survey as discussed in the open session and shared via email to members.
6. **AOB** a. Attention brought to the National Road Safety Conference in Killarney, members with a Road Safety remit are encouraged to attend if possible. b. Attention brough to the Cork City Public Consultation on speed limits, members are encouraged to share the information through their networks. c. Member attendance: It was flagged that future Local/Neighbourhood Safety Fora shouldn't take place on the same evening as the LCSP meeting. Standing orders state that if three meeting in a row are missed, the Chair has the ability to step in. Members non-attendance was also flagged. It was noted that due to the short notice of meetings before Christmas, non-attendance at these was not counted. While it was agreed that there would be no hybrid option for the Local Community Safety Partnership meetings for the first year, this can be reviewed in the summer. A review of meeting times, days, location, etc will take place at the last meeting in June.

Next Meeting	
Date:	Tuesday 03rd March 2026
Time:	4.30pm
Venue:	Cork City Council Chambers
Prepared by	Local Community Safety Partnership Coordinator and Administrator.

Adopted by Cork Local Community Safety Partnership	Date
Chairperson Signature	

MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE LOG

NAME SURNAME	Representative Body	In Attendance Yes/No
Cliona Barnes	Cork Business Association	N
Cllr Damian Boylan	Cork City Council	Y
Cllr Dan Boyle	Cork City Council	Y
Brenda Cahill	Cork City Partnership	N
Mary Cullinan	Cuanlee Refuge	N
Supt. John Deasy	An Garda Síochána	Y
Cllr Tony Fitzgerald	Cork City Council	Y
Kara Hosford	LGBTI+ Interagency	Y
Fiona Hurley	NASC	N
Cllr Joe Kavanagh	Cork City Council	N
Pat Kelleher	TUSLA	Y

Joe Kirby	HSE	Y
David Lane	HSE	Y
Denis Leamy	Cork Education & Training Board	Y
Rebecca Loughry	Cork City Council	Y
Dr. Lekha Menon Margassery	PPN	Y
Cllr Margaret McDonnell	Cork City Council	Y
Patrick Mulley	Older Persons Council	Y
Johnny Murphy	Cork Access Network	Y
Lisa Murphy	PPN	Y
Laura O'Connell	PPN	Y
Cllr Ciara O'Connor	Cork City Council	Y
Grace O'Driscoll	Dillons Cross Project	N
Niamh O'Mahony	Northside Youth Forum	N
Supt. Gary McPolin	An Garda Síochána	Y
Supt. Conor Dillon	An Garda Síochána	Y
John O Sullivan	Traveller Visibility Group	N
Conor O'Toole	Cork Chamber	N
Cllr Terry Shannon	Cork City Council	N
Stephen Spillane	PPN	Y

Total Membership	30 filled	Vacancies
Total Attendance	18 of 30	
% of Members in Attendance	60 %	

Appendices
Appendix I – List of non-member attendees Jerry Buttimer TD Seamus McGrath TD Thomas Gould TD Eoghan Kenny TD Donnchadh O Laoghaire TD Colm Burke TD Padraig Rice TD Kenneth O'Flynn TD Laura Harmon Cynthia Ni Mhurchú MEP Cllr Joe Lynch Cllr Oliver Moran Cllr Fergal Dennehy Lord Mayor Cllr Peter Horgan Cllr Honore Kamegni Cllr Niamh O Connor Cllr Paudie Dineen

Cllr Kenneth Collins
Cllr Colm Kelleher
Cllr John Maher
Cllr Mary-rose Desmond
Cllr Brian McCarthy
Cllr Ted Tynan
Cllr Noel O Flynn
Cllr John Sheehan
Cllr Michelle Gould
Cllr Des Cahill
Cllr Kieran McCarthy
Cllr Shane O Callaghan
Cllr Sean Martin
Cllr Fiona Kerins
Cllr Albert Deasy
Cllr Terry Coleman
Cllr Gary O Brien
Chief Supt. Colm Noonan
Fiona Collins
John Hayes
Eoin English
Martin Davoren
Sandy McGroarty
Aodhan O Murchu
Amy Campbell - The Echo
Steven Fox - Cork Independent
Liz Dunphy - Irish Examiner
Thomas Lawrence - CorkBeo

Appendix II – List of submitted questions and written responses			
Submitted By	**Question**	**Response given by**	**Response**
Thomas Gould TD	We request that TDs be invited to attend the LCSP as allowed in legislation and particularly when issues in their constituency are being discussed	Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership	Members of the Oireachtas and elected members of the relevant local authority are invited to attend the annual closed meeting for all Cork City Elected Reps which will take place in Q1 annually. However; a non-member may be invited to attend a meeting and speak, if considered appropriate by the Safety Partnership or subgroup, to a particular agenda item, for example, representatives of statutory agencies where the committee or subgroup considers that their particular expertise is required.

Thomas Gould TD	Can a representative of school principals be appointed to the LCSP?	Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership	According to the Operating Guidelines (Pg 19 & 20), "At a minimum these nominees will include.. 1 Education representative.. In identifying an education representative the Safety Partnership should consider insights that they may be able to give on topics relating to community safety. Consideration should also be given as to how the representative links back to colleagues in the relevant sector(s) and the broader education community. Education representatives can be chosen from a variety of local educational bodies and institutions. Pilot Safety Partnerships included education representatives from primary and secondary schools, third level institutions, and Education and Training Boards (ETBs)." All 30 members of the Cork City LCSP are now appointed. Denis Leamy, CEO of Cork ETB, is the LCSP member representing the Education Sector. Cork ETB is patron or co-patron of the schools listed below in the city and have ongoing engagement with them. St. Aidan's Community College – Dublin Hill Coláiste Daibhéid – Sawmill Street Terence MacSwiney Community College – Knocknaheeny Glanmire Community College Coláiste Choilm Nagle Community College – Mahon Rochestown Community Special School Ashton Comprehensive School Ballincollig Community School Douglas Community School Bishopstown Community School. In relation to the other schools in the city, we will link with the National Association of Principals and Deputies Cork region in terms of stakeholder engagement for the development of the Local Safety plan.

Thomas Gould TD	Can non-members propose a motions and attend for that discussion?	Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership	Non-members may submit items for discussion and these would be accepted at the discretion of the LCSP. It is at the discretion of the Chair if any non-members are invited to attend any meeting of the LCSP.
Thomas Gould TD	How often are meetings to take place? When will minutes be published? Could these be emailed to elected representatives?	Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership	There will be six meetings per year of the Cork City LCSP. Four of these meetings will be for members only with the other two being an annual Closed meeting for all Cork City Elected Reps and an annual Public Meeting. Minutes of each meeting, once approved by LCSP members at the following meeting, are published on the www.corkcity.ie/communitysafety website. Elected Representatives can access them there or request them to be sent directly to them by emailing communitysafety@corkcity.ie

Cllr Honore Kamegni	How is the LCSP measuring the impact of its current initiatives in anti-social behaviour (for example the bus shelter damaged in Mahon 2 weeks ago) , youth safety, and substance misuse. What evidence do we have that they are working ?	Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership	The Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership has yet to measure the impact of its initiatives as this will be done via the Local Safety Plan. However, many of our member organisations currently fund or deliver initiatives addressing Anti-Social behaviour, youth safety and substance misuse. Cork City Council's Sports and Community Section supports numerous youth initiatives such as Comhairle na nÓg, Northside and Southside Youth Forum, Youth-led Anti-Racism Summit, Sports on the Green, Non-Fire Night events as well as funding many Community and Voluntary organisations who support young people and offer after-school activities. CETB, AGS, TUSLA, HSE. CETB: Cork ETB Youthwork Services manages DEY funding for youth organisations (e.g. Foroige, CDYS, YMCA etc) to deliver targeted programmes via UBU Your Place, Your Space staffed projects. There are 30 such projects across the city and county. Addressing anti-social issues, drugs misuse and safety (including sexual health) are all included in the service requirements issued to these organisations and form part of the everyday work of the project workers. We also have specialist projects looking after the safety of the most vulnerable, including Good Shepherd Cork, Cork Simon, Wellsprings, The Sexual Health Centre, Churchfield Community Trust and Matt Talbot Adolescent Services. There are tailored services for the NEETS cohort and communities including Travellers, migrants etc. Foroige, for example, also operates Youth Justice Projects for those young people who have intersected at a young age with the Criminal Justice System…but those projects are outside the remit of Cork ETB. Direct services by Cork ETB (that would also address these issues in their service provision) include Youthreach, YEP (St Kevin's) as well as via programmes delivered in ETB schools. Cork ETB youth officers sit on the city and county LDATFs as well as CYPSC, the North and Southside Youth For where ground-up approaches provide community information to decision and policy makers. Drug

			prevention and information measures remain areas in need of investment and re-structuring. In relation to the specified area and issue, Cork ETB Youth Officers monitor all 30 projects and discuss ongoing issues and challenges regularly, including engagement by young people and issues within areas. Project workers can be approached via their organisation management to tackle specific issues as mentioned in the question; this is also an ongoing matter for the Gardai and in particular the Community Garda service and local safety fora. Mahon has a UBU project and a YDP. Cork ETB is currently working on area profiling for Cycle 3 of the UBU scheme…and would welcome any proposals or suggestions that could be stitched into the new service requirements. David Lane will speak to the HSE Substance Misuse initiatives when he speaks. HSE- There has been a significant investment in U18 substance misuse services in the last year across Cork and Kerry. A new purpose built facility has opened in St Mary's Health Campus and significant investment in MTAS to develop services across the region.

Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire TD	That Cork City (Local Community Safety) Partnership agrees the need for publicised campaign of enforcement against cars parked in bus lanes which consequently delay our bus service	Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership	This will be considered as part of our stakeholder engagement for the development of the Local Safety Plan 2026-2029. Current Campaigns of enforcement include: Cork City Council: Parking Enforcement is carried out across Cork City Council's administrative area for a range of parking offences (approximately 40 different offences). in 2025, 52,905 fines were issued – 202 were specifically related to bus stop, bus lane offences. However, the Traffic Warden Supervisors have advised that fines are also issued for parking on double yellow lines within a bus lane so it is not possible to give a definitive figure around bus lane offences. Traffic Wardens issue parking fines where appropriate to ensure compliance with legislation and movement of traffic within the city and suburbs. With regards to a publicised campaign, this will be considered by members of the LCSP. There is a possibility of Cork City Council availing of the use of a certain percentage of Bus Stop Posters free of charge for such purposes.
Thomas Gould TD	We propose that a subgroup of the LCSP be established to address drug-related intimidation	Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership	This will be considered as part of our stakeholder engagement for the development of the Local Safety Plan 2026-2029.
Thomas Gould TD	What trends or issues, if any, have been identified as priorities for the LCSP?	Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership	Cork City LCSP will identify trends, issues and priorities throughout the stakeholder engagement phase of the Cork City Local Safety Plan.

Thomas Gould TD	What is the timeline for the Community Safety Plan? Will this include public consultation on the plan? Does this plan influence Garda resourcing?	Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership	We aim to publish the Cork City Local Safety Plan by Q4 2026. A Sub-Group of the LCSP is to be established for the development, implementation and evaluation of the Cork City Local Safety Plan. Its development will feature an extensive Public Consultation phase which will include Focus Groups and internal and external Stakeholder engagement. While the Local Safety Plan Working Group has yet to convene, it is planned that the Public Consultation phase will take place in April and May of this year. An in-person public consultation event which will take place at 4.30pm on Tuesday 21st April in the Millennium Hall of Cork City Hall. Like all other Safety Partnerships, the Dept of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration has not confirmed funding will be available for the delivery of the actions contained in the future Local Safety Plan and so, it is hoped that all member organisations with access to funding and resources, including An Garda Síochána, support the Plan as best they can.
Senator Laura Harmon	When does LCSP intend to collect and publish a measure of community confidence in service providers in regards to safety as per objective of the partnership?	Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership	Response from National Office for Community Safety: As you are aware we are at the start of the community safety journey and there is currently no baseline for many factors that will be of importance in relation to community safety. It is important that care is taken in relation to the measurement and presentation of any data in this field. As yet there is no single mechanism for the evaluating of community confidence and work will need to be carried out to determine appropriate and effective measures in this area. That being said, there is a question in the Public Community Safety Survey, which we are launching next Thursday and which will inform the National Strategy for Improving Community Safety, which asks about confidence in public services. Local Community Safety Partnerships can use this question in engagement activity regarding their own Local Community Safety Plans. However, I would caution against saying that this will be a definitive measure of public confidence as it will not be a representative sample. It is just to give us a sense of how those respondents who complete the survey feel about local public services ability to effectively respond to

			community safety issues. CETB: Cork ETB, as part of its Customer Action plan, publishes public surveys periodically. These surveys invite our customers to provide their feedback on our current levels of service and identify any areas which require further development and improvement. However, these surveys do not address confidence in our services explicitly, they are more related to satisfaction with the level of customer service provided where they have been in contact with the organisation. HSE- HSE have been involved in a lot of work to develop a Patient and Service User Engagement Council and the Social inclusion Department have been engaged with many groups in the region to facilitate their involvement. Your Service Your Say has also been a very important mechanism for many years in getting feedback from the general population who use the Health Services.
Cllr Joe Lynch	To ask the current opening hours of Ballincollig Garda station; and if - in light of a previous commitment by the former Chief Superintendent to review Garda station opening hours across the Division - these opening hours will be increased in 2026.	An Garda Síochána	This is an Operational Matter which can be addressed locally with engagement with the Superintendent Community Engagement South. Superintendent Gary McPolin has only recently taken up his position.

Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire TD	That Cork City (Local Community Safety) Partnership agrees that it should be an objective to bring an end to the sharing of core policing units across two station areas, in particular Bishopstown/Ballincollig and Carrigaline/Douglas and will aim to bring this about, as resources are provided.	An Garda Síochána	This is an Operational Matter which can be addressed locally with engagement with the Superintendent Community Engagement South. Superintendent Gary McPolin has only recently taken up his position.
Senator Laura Harmon	Could you please provide opening hours times for all Garda stations across Cork City?	An Garda Síochána	We will revert directly with Senator Harmon on this matter when I receive an update from each respective Area. I can confirm that Anglesea Street, Bridewell Garda Station, Mayfield Garda Station and Gurranabraher Garda Station are all 24 Hour Stations operating Public Offices on a 24 Hour basis. The Opening Hours of the Other Garda Stations across Cork City vary according to Operational requirements.
Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire TD	To ask Cork City (Local Community Safety) Partnership how many Gardaí have been stationed in Mahon/Blackrock Garda Station in each of the last 5 years.	An Garda Síochána	The Station Strengths of each Garda Division, District and Station are published on the Garda Website from 2019-2025 Inclusive. This is readily available to any member of the Public.

Stephen Spillane LCSP Member	1. Construction works and the high-profile policing plan have pushed anti-social behaviour, drug use, etc out to areas like St Fin Barrs Quarter, Shandon, St Luke's and many others. What action is being taken to tackle this behaviour outside the city centre island?	An Garda Síochána	The High Visibility Policing Plan which came into operation in November 2025 resulted in an increase in Garda Resources in Cork City Division. The additional Resources augmented existing Resources , particularly in the areas of Cork City Centre and Cork City North. Areas outlined continue to be patrolled and operational Units, both overt and Covert are tackling these areas on an ongoing basis, based on Intelligence, knowledge and information obtained. In Cork City all resources are seeking to Prevent and Detect Crime, Anti Social and Drug activities. This will continue. I ask that members of the Public and Public Representatives continue to support our work and our people and identify locations and activities requiring attention. We have responded to activities in all areas outlined and have had successful detections in these areas.
Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire TD	That Cork City (Local Community Safety) Partnership agrees that if resources are available, that the recently appointed High Visibility Policing Operation be expanded to sections of the south inner city and the Barrack Street and Douglas Street vicinity.	An Garda Síochána	The High Visibility Policing Plan which came into operation in November 2025 resulted in an increase in Garda Resources in Cork City Division. The initial focus was, with the available Resources, to focus on the City Centre with increased Garda visibility both by Day and by Night to provide reassurance and confidence in our City to those who live, work, socialise, study and visit our City. The target is to deter and detect those who engage in anti social behaviour , criminal and drug related activity. It has been a positive contribution to the City Centre, based on feedback but its success will be based on maintaining the consistency of Visibility and operational engagement. Ideally this Plan can be extended to areas identified but it is Personnel intensive. Additional Resources will assist in our desire to extend but Patrolling of these areas at critical times continues.
Padraig Rice TD	In relation to the increased Garda presence in the city centre over the Christmas period, has this resulted in increased pressure in suburban areas and were	An Garda Síochána	There is no specific evidence that there has been a displacement of Crime/anti Social behaviour to the Suburbs, but these areas continue to require a Garda presence which is provided on a 24 Hour basis by Operational Patrols working in every area of the Cork City Division. Over The Christmas Period An Garda Síochána worked closely with Shopping Centres in both Blackrock and Blackpool and increased our Garda Presence in those areas due to what are increasing footfall anticipation.

	there any specific measures introduced to address this?		
Cllr Peter Horgan	Will a dedicated allocation of roads policing be stationed on the N40 and can we have a breakdown of crash data compiled by the Gardaí for the N40 between the Jack Lunch Tunnel and Kinsale Road Roundabout for 2024 and 2025 to include the number of crashes that Gardaí have had to attend	An Garda Síochána	A verbal response was delivered to this Question at the LCSP of 6 February 2026. A Breakdown of RTCs is included as an attachment as compiled by our Analysts together with an informative Map identifying Locations and category of Accidents Reported and Percentages attended by Gardai. **Please see Appendix III**
Cllr Dan Boyle	To ask whether statistics are being collected and are available recording the number of road traffic incidents that have occurred on the Southern Ring Road section of the N40, and if so, what are such figures for 2024 and 2025?	An Garda Síochána	A verbal response was delivered to this Question at the LCSP of 6 February 2026. A Breakdown of RTCs is included as an attachment as compiled by our Analysts together with an informative Map identifying Locations and category of Accidents Reported and Percentages attended by Gardai. **Please see Appendix III**

Cllr Oliver Moran	How do the findings of the Independent Review of Roads Policing (Crowe Report) relate to roads policing in the Cork City Council functional area, including policing of known areas where there are significant fatalities (e.g. Kilcully), impacts on public transport priority (e.g. Patrick's Street bus gate), and communities affected by anti-social behaviour by motorists (e.g. Ballyhooly Road)?	An Garda Síochána	Garda Resources are allocated to Mandatory Checkpoints on Authorisation of a Superintendent/Inspector during Operational Tours of Duty. These Checkpoints, known an MITs (Mandatory Intoxicant Testing Checkpoints) allow Motorists to be tested for Drink/Drug Driving Offences. All members of An Garda Síochána may also stop and Detain Motorists on suspicion of Road traffic Offences and other associated Offences. Checkpoints are Set Up in Locations deemed Safe from an Operational perspective. If areas are known to be areas where increased Road Traffic Offending is occurring then either by Overt or Covert Operations, such offending is targeted. Some Overt operations are at locations that a mere Garda presence may deter Offending behaviour and may focus driver's attitude to responsible Driving. Members of the Public can Report bad Driving or Offences being Committed. These will be investigated, based on evidence obtained.
Cllr Joe Lynch	To ask how many scrambler bikes, e-bikes and e-scooters have been seized by Gardaí in the Cork City Division in the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and thus far in 2026; and that a breakdown by Garda District within the Division be provided.	An Garda Síochána	This Information was addressed verbally at LCSP on 6th February 2026. A Breakdown is attached as presented for the Cork City LCSP Area for the Information of LCSP members. **Please see Appendix IV**
Thomas Gould TD	How effective have the laws on scrambler seizures been? Has there been any trend change in reports of scrambler misuse since their introduction?	An Garda Síochána	The issue of Scramblers being used in Public Areas and causing alarm in Communities is receiving attention by Operational Policing Patrols. The changes in legislation has increased some powers of Search and Seizure. Garda interventions in Public places must be proportionate to the activities taking place and not endanger further members of the Public and garda personnel engaging with those involved. Figures relative to Scramblers, Scooters, ebikes from 2023 to 2026 inclusive were

			submitted at the LCSP of 6th February 2026 and are include the breakdown of figures for LCSP members. **Please see Appendix IV**
Thomas Gould TD	Are statistics on petrol-bombings in Cork city kept?	An Garda Síochána	The question of Deputy Gould was verbally responded to at the LCSP of 6th February 2026 referencing the Offence of Arson as presented within the Crime Trends Dashboard and outlining the Figures/Trends available under the category of Arson. Further research on the matter was requested with the assistance of Garda Analysts, examining the information/Data contained on Pulse S under a variety of categories. This is included within attachments the Findings, inclusive of Methodology used and date produced. It must be emphasised that the definition of a " Petrol Bomb" does not Appear in legislation and can be open to subjective interpretation. Accordingly, such items/actions with such items can be subjectively described on Pulse. We hope the information is of some assistance. **Please see Appendix V**
Senator Laura Harmon	Have the Gardaí noticed an increase in reports of hateful messages online and is there a correlation between online hate and anti-social in-person gatherings or hate crime?	An Garda Síochána	I (Supt. John Deasy) have no Specific Information on Crime Trends in this area and any observation would be opinion based only. Any incidents of Online Activity where there is a " Hate" Motive perceived reported to An Garda Síochána are investigated , referencing in particular The Criminal Justice (Hate Offences) Act 2024.
Senator Laura Harmon	How many hate-related crimes have been reported to the Gardaí in Cork City in 2025 compared to 2024? What plans are in place for tackling racism or homophobic/transphobic	An Garda Síochána	This information was not included within the Crime Trends Dashboard Presentation. I (Supt. John Deasy) will seek out this specific information and revert.

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<tr><td>Stephen Spillane LCSP Member</td><td>What action is taken to combat hate-related attacks in Cork City? This includes attacks based on race, sexuality, gender identity, nationality, etc</td><td>An Garda Síochána</td><td>Any incidents or Offending where there is a “ Hate” Motive perceived reported to An Garda Síochána are investigated , referencing in particular The Criminal Justice (Hate Offences) Act 2024. Hatred is defined within the Act with particular reference to hatred presumed as being a Characteristic of Offences committed. Any Incident/Offence that has a Hate Motive is flagged at the Garda Diversity Office and as well as an Investigating Officer being assigned, a Diversity Officer in the area is also aligned to the Incident to engage with the Victim/Reporting Persons and provide Support, Information and advice throughout the investigation.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Senator Laura Harmon</td><td>How many domestic violence reports and callouts have there been in Cork City in 2025 compared to 2024? Can a breakdown be provided by local areas (e.g. Bishopstown, Togher, Ballyphehane, Douglas/Grange, Ballincollig) and by gender. If figures are available for January 2026, please include these.</td><td>An Garda Síochána</td><td>Within the Crime Dashboard Presentation on 6th February 2026 I (Supt. John Deasy) outlined the Number of Domestic Violence Incidents and local –v- National Trends. Crime Trends to be presented to LCSP are at LCSP area level and are not broken down to local areas.

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Senator Laura Harmon	Can information be provided on the composition and diversity of the Gardaí in Cork City (e.g. total number of Gardaí, gender breakdown, ethnicity and average age range)	An Garda Síochána	I (Supt. John Deasy) do not have this information and I would ask that this would be sought through an inquiry to An Garda Síochána HR Department.
Padraig Rice TD	With regards to tenancy complaints from neighbours concerning anti-social behaviour in Council- owned properties, could the Council outline the complaints process? I have had several constituents concerned that their anonymity may be compromised if they make a formal complaint.	Cork City Council	In relation to antisocial behaviour in council-owned properties, Cork City Council cannot advance any investigation without evidence of the alleged incidents taking place. We cannot proceed based on second or third hand information, and anonymous complaints can only be pursued if there is verification of the information supplied from another source (e.g. the Gardaí). Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee to a complainant that the investigation will not lead to their identity becoming known or guessed by the individuals under investigation. Allegations of antisocial behaviour can potentially lead to legal proceedings for repossession of a property and the eviction of a tenant, so the tenant must be given an opportunity to respond to any complaints made against them as a principal of natural justice (audi alteram partem/"hear the other side.") In some cases, the incident(s) under investigation may be so specific in nature that the subject can guess who has contacted us. Another body can also seek the disclosure of the information. Confidentiality is not a right in law, and our intention to protect the identity of complainants can be overruled due to an appeal of information withheld under a Freedom of Information or Data Protection request, by the Courts, or by the Office of the Information Commissioner. We outline this clearly on the complaints form so people can make an informed decision before deciding how to proceed – a copy is attached for your information. In relation to serious antisocial behaviour, we always advise complainants to contact the Gardaí in the first instance, as they have far greater powers of investigation than the Council and can also subsequently share information with the City Council if the behaviour constitutes a breach of tenancy, to allow us to pursue the appropriate sanction.

Padraig Rice TD	In relation to discarded needles in public spaces, could the Council clarify whether the current system relies solely on reported incidents, or whether known areas of drug use are monitored for drug paraphernalia?	Cork City Council	The cleansing section of cork city council encounter sharps/ drug paraphernalia in 2 ways. They respond to complaints, and they have regular beats in areas of the city and if staff come across these they will collect and dispose of appropriately. The HSE also do great work in this regard.
Senator Laura Harmon	Can information be provided on audits of street lighting by electoral area in Cork City? Are there particular areas of the city that need increased lighting or areas where a high number of requests have been made for more lighting?	Cork City Council	All public lighting within Cork City is patrolled over a 10 working day cycle. Every 10 working days all inventory will have been patrolled. PL faults are registered by the public lighting patroller in real time as they undertake the patrol. Our records show that since 2020, the following is a breakdown of request for either upgrading existing lanterns to LED or the installation of new public lighting in locations which don't have existing public lighting. NE LEA – 25, NW LEA – 23, SC LEA – 5, SE LEA – 14, SW LEA - 17, The installation of new public lighting from Operations budgets is currently curtailed as the priority is the upgrading of existing Public lighting which is requires major electrical upgrade works to 11,000 columns that requires substantial investment to ensure electrical compliance with the current ESB Networks and safe Electric Ireland. This requires whole estate public lighting upgrades, including customer service pillars, PL ducting, PL columns, LED lanterns and 3core NYCY cabling for which there is a current funding shortfall in 2026 planned works.

Padraig Rice TD	With regard to the planned integrated services hub to help those experiencing homelessness: 1. When does the Council expect the centre to open? 2. Could the Council provide details of the services that will be delivered at the centre? 3. Is the inclusion of a safe injection facility part of the current plans?	HSE	HSE are working closely with Cork City Council on this project. A tender process was carried out before Christmas 2025 and when all of that work is completed and a suitable site identified it may take a further 12 months to fit out and open the centre. A range of services will be provided through the Centre including Primary Care services, Drug and Alcohol Support services, Mental Health support services and a range of practical supports including APS, Tenancy supports, and access to education and training information and support services. The inclusion of a safe injection facility is not part of the current plan.
Thomas Gould TD	Is any funding available for Community Crime Impact Assessments? Have any been carried out to date in Cork? Are any planned?	HSE	The pilot programme for the Community Crime Impact Assessment (CCIA) is an initiative in the National Drug Strategy 2017-2025, led by the Community and Voluntary Sector. It aims to measure the impact of drug related crime and wider public nuisance issues on communities with a view to informing a collaborative problem-solving approach to tackle such issues, while also monitoring the effectiveness of the response through repeat assessments over time. A steering group was established to oversee the pilot programme, which included the co-ordinator from Community Action Network, representatives from Citywide Drugs Crisis Campaign, Fatima Groups United, Safer Blanchardstown, and the North Inner City Policing Forum, and an academic. HSE South West has not received any funding for Community Crime Impact Assessments and as a result none are planned at this time.

Appendix III – List of specific responses – N40

Garda Siochána Analysis Service (GSAS) Review

Request: Collisions that are recorded as having occurred on the N40 between the Kinsale Road Junction and the Jack Lynch Tunnel. Provided return includes both the Tunnel and the Kinsale Road Junction. Only collisions in which the route type or scene address specified the N40 and that have geocoordinates within the requested area are listed in this return.

Data is provisional and based on operational PULSE geo-coordinate data of collisions.
Data cannot be fully verified for accuracy of every collision incident data point and as such should be interpreted at a high level for trending purposes only.
Data is based on collisions recorded for the period 2014-2025, some collision data has not been included for data cleaning requirements or missing/inaccurate coordinates so information should not be presumed exhaustive of every incident that occurred for the period.
For material damage collisions, some location coordinates may have a lower level of accuracy due to self-reporting nature of many material damage collisions.

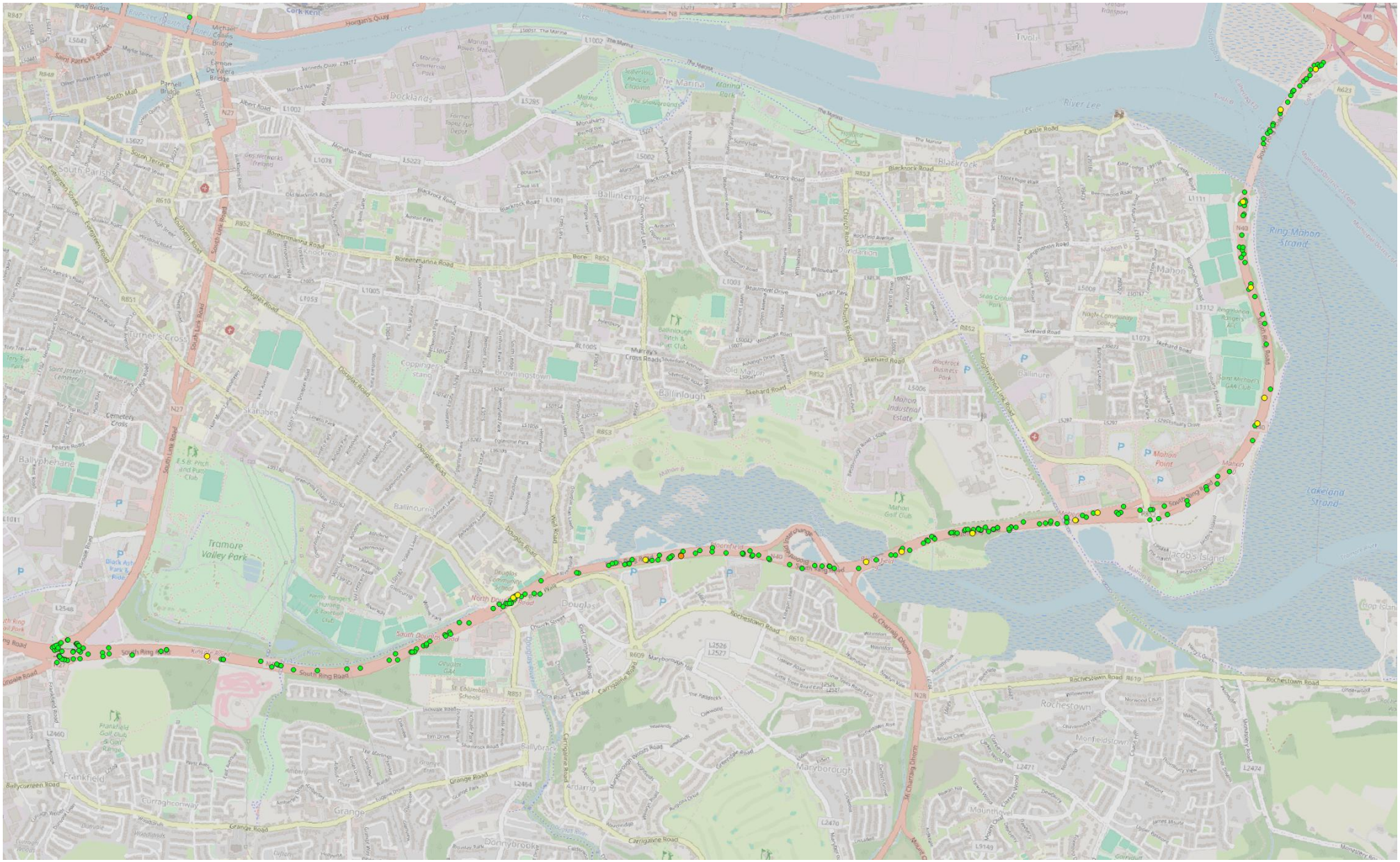
Map legend:

● Fatal - large red dot ● Serious Injury - orange dot ● Minor Injury– yellow dot ● Material damage only - green dot

Collisions on N40 between JL Tunnel and Kinsale Junction	
Period	**Number of incidents**
2024	121
Qtr1	33
Qtr2	27
Qtr3	24
Qtr4	37
2025	147
Qtr1	40
Qtr2	22
Qtr3	38
Qtr4	47
Total	268

A Garda member attended scene at 97.8% of the incidents included in this review.

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Appendix IV – List of specific responses – Vehicle Seizure.

To ask how many scrambler bikes, e-bikes and e-scooters have been seized by Gardaí in the Cork City Division in the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and thus far in 2026; and that a breakdown by Garda District within the Division be provided.

Scramblers

District	2023	2024	2025	2026*	Grand Total
Anglesea Street		4	3		7
Gurranabraher	1	8	7		16
Mayfield	13	4	5	1	23
Togher	3	2	4		9
Grand Total	**17**	**18**	**19**	**1**	**55**

E-scooters

District	2023	2024	2025	2026*	Grand Total
Anglesea Street	2	7	14	1	24
Gurranabraher		4	2		6
Mayfield	1	2	5	1	9
Togher	1	2	3	4	10
Grand Total	**4**	**15**	**24**	**6**	**49**

E-bikes

District	2023	2024	2025	2026*	Grand Total
Anglesea Street		1	2		3
Gurranabraher		1			1
Mayfield		1	4		5
Togher		1	3	1	5
Grand Total	**0**	**4**	**9**	**1**	**14**

*2026 figures cover the time period from 01/01/2026 to 04/02/2026

Figures are based on incidents occurring from 01/01/2023 to 04/02/2026, inclusive. All information contained in this report is based upon operational data from the PULSE systems as was available on 05/02/2026 and is liable to change.

Appendix V – List of specific responses – Information relating to 'Petrol Bomb' style incidents

"Petrol Bombs"
01/01/2023 – 31/12/2025
Figures are based on date reported. Information contained in this report is based upon operational data from the PULSE system as was available on 04-Feb-2026 and is liable to change.

METHODOLOGY

A petrol bomb is typically defined as "an improvised incendiary device consisting of a bottle filled with a flammable substance", typically petrol (gasoline), alcohol, or a mixture and a burning cloth wick. When thrown, the bottle smashes on impact, creating a fireball and spreading flames. To ascertain the number of Petrol Bomb Incidents in Cork City Division between 2023 and 2025, a series of searches were undertaken.

First, all valid incidents recorded under the crime types 'Criminal Damage - (by Fire)' and 'Causing an Explosion' were collated and analysed to identify those related to petrol bombing. Second, all valid incidents linked to the MO type 'Explosive - Petrol Bomb' were examined. Finally, incidents recorded under the following crime types ('Criminal Damage (Not by Fire)', 'Burglary', 'Blackmail / Extortion', 'Fire (no offence disclosed)', 'Murder - Threats to Kill or Cause Serious Harm', 'Murder - Attempt', 'Robbery of an Establishment / Institution') were searched for key terms including: 'Petrol', 'Gasoline', 'Firebomb', 'incendiary', 'flammable', 'Thrown', 'Bomb', 'Combustible', 'Molotov', 'Accelerant', 'Attack', 'Fuel', and 'Burn'. These incidents were then further examined for links to Petrol Bombing.

Results

The following table displays the total number of Petrol Bomb incidents in Cork City Division between 01-Jan-2023 and 31-Dec-2025. Other incidents that appear to be Petrol Bomb related were also included in the table below (e.g., unknown accelerant used [13 incidents]; petrol poured from a canister [8 incidents]).

2023	2024	2025	TOTAL
24	19	10	53