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Policing Priorities 2022 - 2024





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Legislative Framework

The Garda Síochána Act 2005

- Authority determines priorities and targets for policing services (Section 20)
- Authority approves Strategy Statement submitted by Commissioner (Section 21)
- Commissioner prepares Annual Policing Plan (Section 22)



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Policing Priorities

- Articulation of what the Authority believes requires attention
- Commissioner uses to identify areas requiring extra focus and/or resourcing
- Aim of the Priorities is to:
 - Improve the service delivered to the public
 - Enhance the Garda organisation
- Set annually over the period 2017-2021



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Policing Priorities 2022 - 2024 Planning Process

- Transition to a 3 year period for the Policing Priorities
 - In line with Garda Síochána Strategy Statement 2022-2024
- Alteration of the format
 - Articulation of outcome
 - Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
- Recognise improved performance



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Policing Priorities 2022 - 2024 Design Process

- Authority oversight activity and assessments
- Engagement with JPCs, Stakeholders, NGOs, and Interest Groups
- Research including a review of priorities in other jurisdictions, national and international trends, etc.
- Preparatory work on Garda Síochána Strategy Statement 2022-2024
- Public Consultation



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Public Consultation Online Prioritisation Exercise

- Online points based survey - 24 policing areas and asked to allocate 70 prioritisation points
- Direct engagement to better listen to and hear communities
- Run May 2021 - trialled in 2020 with JPC members
- 3,473 responses – robust sample



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Top Scoring Areas

Category	Average points
Sexual offences and child sexual abuse	4.32
Assaults in public	3.90
Domestic Abuse	3.82
Organised crime	3.76
Anti-social behaviour	3.67



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Policing Priorities 2022

- Protecting and Supporting Victims and the Vulnerable
- Supporting and Ensuring Community Safety
- Tackling Organised and Serious Crime
- Rights-Based and Ethical Service Delivery
- Development of the Capacity to Strategically Manage Garda Resources



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Looking Ahead: Policing Priorities 2022 - 2024

- Consult with the Commissioner
 - Help guide the Strategy Statement and Policing Plan
- Provide to the Minister for Justice
- Publication
- Monitored and reviewed annually



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