

LONGFORD COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

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While care has been taken in the preparation of this document to ensure its contents are accurate, complete, and up to date, the Longford Community Safety Partnership recognises certain limitations with the data. The information presented in this report is based on a review of existing data, consultations with various community groups, and findings from a public consultation survey.

One major challenge with qualitative data (focus groups, open-ended survey questions, etc.) is the subjectivity of responses. Participants share their perspectives and opinions based on their own experiences and knowledge. As a result, the statements made by an individual may not reflect the perspectives of others. It is therefore important to recognise that the findings from this research must be considered in their own context and not deemed as unequivocally representing the reality of community safety challenges in Longford. At the same time, they offer valuable insight for future planning as a thematic analysis.. Additionally limitations occurred because of the COVID-19 pandemic, mentioned throughout.

Please note that this is a living document. New evidence, actions, and recommendations related to community safety emerge regularly. This report reflects the data collected at the time of the Community Safety Plan (CSP) development.

If you have any questions about the Community Safety Plan, please contact Janine Bartley, Community Safety Coordinator at communitysafety@longfordcoco.ie

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Message from the Chairpersons



Martina Moloney

Independent Chairperson of Longford Community Safety Partnership

Being safe and feeling safe in our community is a vital contributor to our quality of life. That is why the role assigned to the Local Community Safety Partnership is so important in this pilot phase of what will become a national programme.

I am very pleased to present this first Longford Community Safety Partnership Plan for Longford, on the anniversary of the Partnership's first meeting. This plan has been completed following inputs from numerous individuals, groups and agencies who have a stake in ensuring Longford is a great place to work, live and visit. We are very grateful to everyone who contributed, whether through attendance at public meetings, workshops or completing surveys. This plan reflects the priorities, thoughts and ideas and actions identified in the consultation process.

Key themes reflected in the plan include evidence-based decision-making, improved communication, trust, and collaboration with minority groups, enhancing crime prevention and response, sport initiatives and community and amenity facilities and outreach.

Work on the implementation on the plan has already commenced, with a number of key actions already being advanced. It is also a dynamic document which will be adapted in line with emerging opportunities and issues.

Longford is a county with immense potential with strong communities, organisations and agencies collaborating to build on the strengths and address items that require attention.

This Community Safety Plan and the Community Safety Partnership represent a wonderful opportunity for County Longford to shape its' future and ensure Community Safety in Longford is a key priority.

I would like to thank those who have contributed to the work of the Partnership and the preparation of this Plan, in particular the support of the Department of Justice, An Garda Síochána and Longford County Council who are hosting the Partnership. The Vice- Chairpersons of the Partnership, Councillor Seamus Butler and Karen Reilly, members of Partnership and sub-committees, Community members and collaborators have been a support to us so far and will be in the journey ahead.

I particularly want to acknowledge the expertise and trojan work of the Partnership Co-ordinator, Janine Bartley, without whose endeavours we would not be at this point in the development of the Partnership and this important plan which will guide activities into the future.

Councillor Seamus Butler

Vice Chair Statutory Pillar

I am delighted to present this Community Safety Plan from Longford Community Safety Partnership - the first of its kind.

Our widespread public consultation with a dozen groups and over 200 individual contributions, gives us encouragement that the Longford communities will participate in and support our activities, providing they can see that the vital resources are seen to be delivered and committed to Longford.

Most contributors highlighted Garda visibility and Emergency Services as their number one priority concern. This goes right to core of Safety and feeling safe.

We set an ambitious timeline for this Plan at the outset and thanks to my fellow Committee members, the contributors and most of all the sterling work by our Safety Co-ordinator, Janine Bartley, we are launching this Plan in September - 1 year

to day after our very 1st meeting. We could have delayed several months until the 2022 Census finer details became available. However, we have agreed that this Plan is a living document, and it will undoubtedly require reviews and adjustment over the implementation period.

The successful implementation of this Plan will depend on many factors but none more important than the commitment and delivery of services by our statutory partners.

I look forward to us all working together to make County Longford a truly safe place to live, work and socialise for the betterment of all our citizens and diverse Communities. Now the real work begins.



Karen Reilly

Vice Chair Community Pillar

Longford's growing population has become more diverse in recent years as it becomes home to different Nationalities, Cultures and Ethnicities. This can sometimes create division in our communities and relationships with each other, consequently integration is more important than ever.

We need to build connections and work together collectively, aiming to give everyone the opportunity to have their voice heard, to engage as active members who have influence and control over their own lives. I am pleased that this Community Safety Plan will help to build those connections.

We must urgently look at ways of creating new systems and strategies for tackling some of the difficulties our communities find themselves dealing with. It's time to rethink the reactive model and look at early intervention and prevention models as a non-negotiable starting point.

Community safety needs a multi-agency approach, where services work together to deliver on the needs of our

communities. Collaboration between agencies and organizations is fundamental to building relationships that encourage communication, trust, and willingness to compromise. High degrees of commitment, shared vision are key indicators for the building and success of projects, and I was heartened to see that commitment from our Partners as we developed this Plan.

Longford Community Safety Partnership is working with local partners, stakeholders, and groups to ensure the community outreach is effective and relevant. We will continue to work with the community to identify local priorities and use these to develop a local community safety plan that will be delivered in a collaborative fashion by all stakeholders.



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Longford Local Community Safety Partnership - Background



The new Government Community Safety Policy will ensure communities are safer and feel safer by making community safety a whole of Government responsibility and priority, to be delivered through Local Community Safety Partnerships (LCSPs), supported through a national governance structure. This structure will ensure that communities are empowered to have a strong say in what actions are prioritised by the services operating in their area, and will also have a key oversight role in ensuring those actions are followed through.

Local Community Safety Partnerships are being piloted in three areas around the country, in Dublin's North Inner City, Waterford City and County and Longford County. The pilots will run for 24 months (to the end of 2023) and are subject to a robust independent evaluation from the outset, in order to ensure the proposed structures are fulfilling their objectives.

The learnings from the pilots and their evaluation will be taken into account in the drafting of the statutory framework for community safety, and will be applied to the national roll out of similar partnerships in communities across the country.

Local Community Safety Partnerships (LCSPs) intend to bring all services and the community together at local authority level, replacing the existing Joint Policing Committees, to serve as a forum for discussion and decisions on community priorities.

Partnership Approach

The partnership approach is built on two premises:

1. Every community is different and has different problems and issues.
2. Responding to those problems and issues requires a range of inputs from across Government, local services, voluntary sector and the community itself.

The response to the issues identified above requires the following elements:

1. Community engagement in identifying what the needs of the community are;
2. Commitment and buy-in from State, local and voluntary service providers to work together to address those needs.

LCSPs aim to foster sustained community involvement in identifying needs and co-designing solutions, and sustained commitment from services in working together to address those needs.

Objectives of the LCSPs

The objectives and intended outcomes of Local Community Safety Partnerships will be to:

- Prioritise issues identified by the community as safety concerns
 - The community will be engaged and represented on the Local Community Safety Partnership
 - A Local Community Safety Plan will be developed which will reflect priorities identified by the community.
- Improve multi-agency collaboration in the pilot area
 - Relevant service providers will be represented on the Local Community Safety Partnership and will work collaboratively on solutions to safety issues.
- Increase community confidence in service providers
 - Service providers will be accountable to the community in fulfilling the agreed actions identified in the Local Community Safety Plan.
 - The community will be better informed about and empowered to participate in community safety activities in the area.



Figure 1 Structure of a Local Community Safety Partnership



Figure 2 Proposed governance structure for LCSP national roll out

Longford Local Community Safety Partnership

Longford Local Community Safety Partnership has 30 members from both statutory agencies, local community members, residents and community services as well as County Longford Public Participation Network.

The Partnership was convened by the Department of Justice in June 2021, with an Independent Chairperson- Martina Moloney appointed for the duration of the pilot.

A full list of members and their nominating organisation/representative group can be found in **Appendix 1**

A Community Safety Coordinator was appointed as a full time resource to support the Partnership and the LCSP held its first meeting on 20 September 2021.

The Longford LCSP meets on a quarterly basis, with working groups meeting on a more regular basis to drive projects and initiatives across partnership organisations and other stakeholders



Comhairle na nÓg members shared their safety concerns with the LCSP and Minister Helen McEntee as part of the Community Safety Plan consultation

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Longford Today



A Socio-Economic Profile Study has been prepared as part of the preparation of the Longford County Development Plan [Longford County Development Plan – Volume 1, Chapter 2](#) provides a profile of County Longford while Volume 3, Annex 3 provides a socio-economic profile of the Municipal Districts in the county. This has provided the LCSP with important socio-economic information that has assisted in the development of goals objectives of this Community Safety Plan.

The Socio-Economic Profile Study provides data about County Longford at both County and small area/Municipal District, thereby enabling a detailed depiction of the County’s social and economic character. It also draws comparison to wider regional and national data results, where available.

This profile is largely based on data collated from the Census 2016, including the CSO POWSCAR database. The data is also supplemented where appropriate with other CSO reports and available departmental statistical results, such as the Live Register and Quarterly National Household Survey and Department of Social Protection data, the Pobal HP Deprivation index, Fáilte Ireland datasets and the Longford GeoDirectory. There has also been some Longford specific data provided by a number of the LCSP constituent organisations.

Note

It is acknowledged that some of the data available at the time of development of this Plan is out of date, this can be attributed to COVID-19 hampering data collection and analysis efforts and timing of the most recent Census (April 2022). Where possible we have included up to date information

This Plan is a living document and will be updated on a rolling basis as information become available from Census and from partners

It is intended to undertake a full mapping of services available in County Longford as an action under this plan. Up to date census data, and information from our Partners will be available at this time. As part of this initiative, an interim report updating the socio-economic profile section of this Plan will be compiled and published.

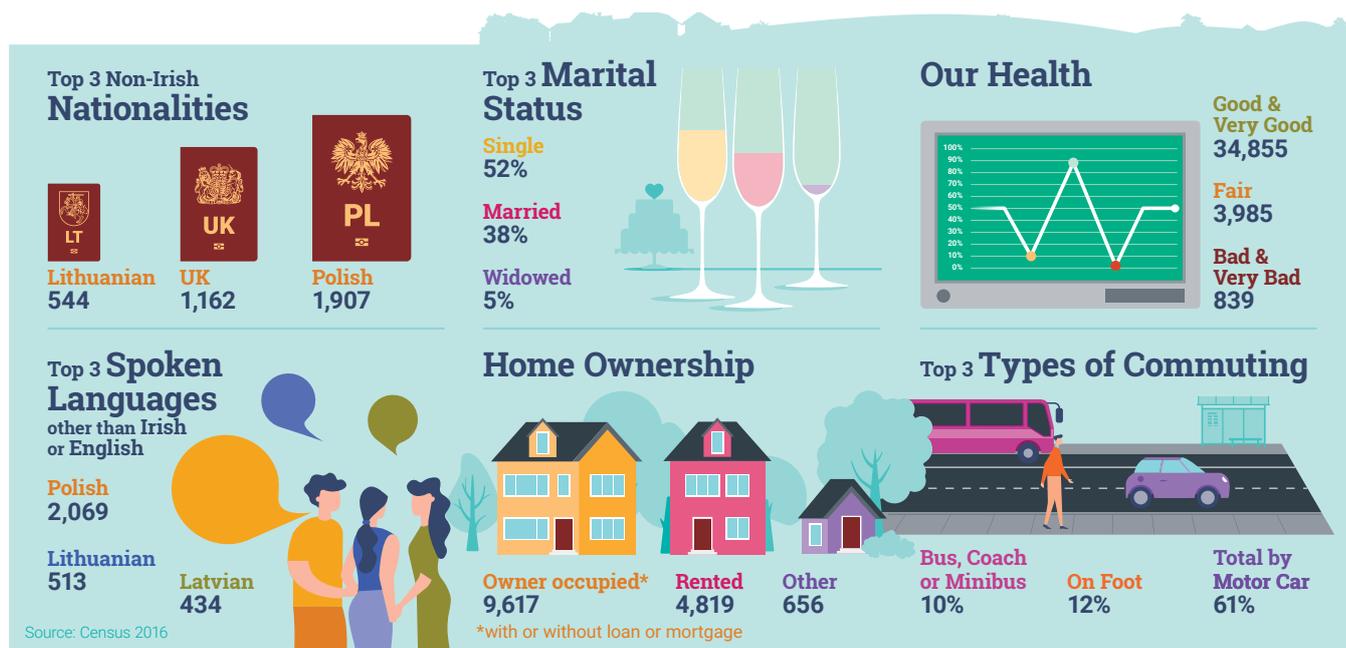
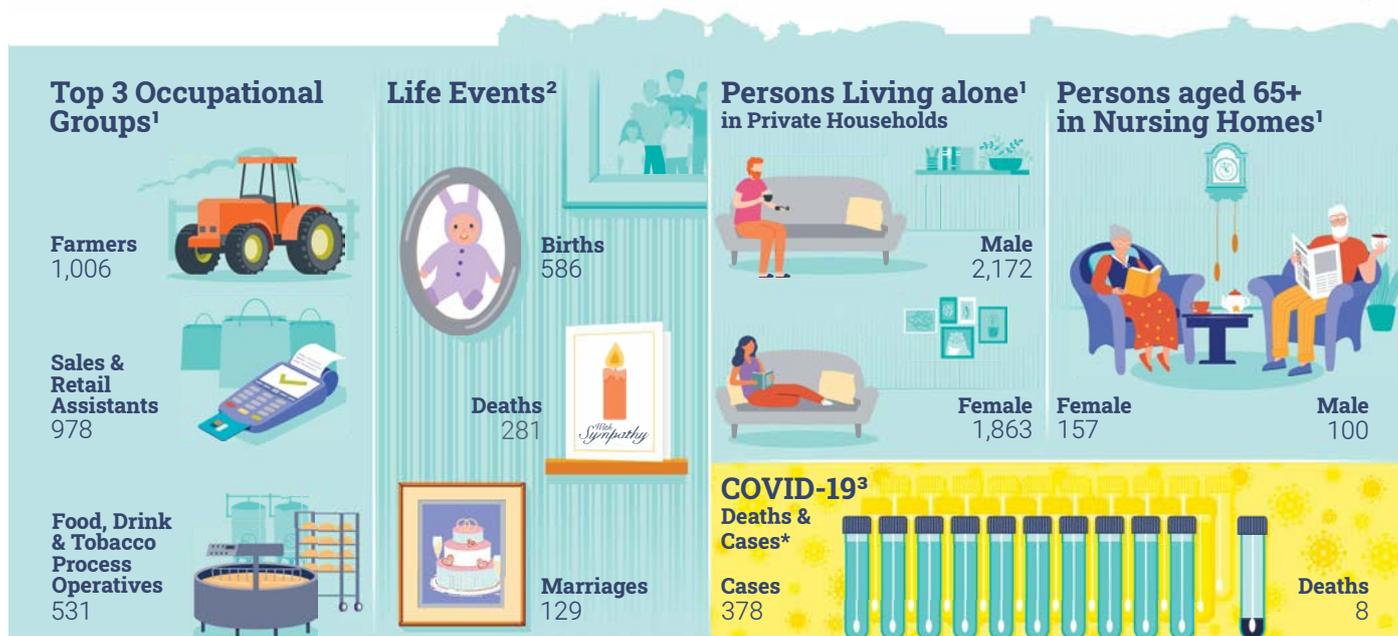


Figure 3: Longford Data 2016 (1). Source: Census 2016.



Sources: ¹Census 2016 | ²CSO: Vital Statistics 2019 | ³CSO COVID-19 Information Hub

*up to and including 02 October 2020

Figure 4: Longford Data 2016 (2). Sources: Census 2016* | CSO Vital Statistics 2019* | CSO COVID-19 Information Hub*. *Up to and including October 2, 2020

Socio Economic review – key findings:

The key findings of the Socio-Economic Baseline Study are summarised as follows:

Population

- County Longford occupies an area of 1,091km² and is the fourth smallest county in the State.
- Based on the preliminary results of the 2022 Census, Longford’s population stands at 46,634 which is an increase of **14.1% on 2016**, the largest increase in the Country. CSO Figures from April 2016 stated that Longford had the second smallest population nationally 40,873 – 49.6% females and 50.4% males.
- The population was relatively well distributed across each area with 16,046 people within Longford MD, 10,674 within Granard MD and 14,153 within Ballymahon MD with relatively higher concentrations around the larger towns of Longford Town, Ballymahon, Granard, Lanesborough and Edgeworthstown.

Age Distribution

- In County Longford, approximately 62.5% of the population within County Longford are of working age (i.e. 15 – 64 years) with 51.2% of prime working age (defined as the 25-64 age cohorts). Specifically, 27.2% of Longford’s population are between 25 – 44 years old with a further 24.2% between 45 – 64 years old.
- Specifically, 29.7% of the county population are under 19 years of age with the number of children of pre-school age (i.e. 0-4 years) in County Longford was 3,051 (7.5%) whilst 5,205 (12.7%) are of primary school going age (i.e. 5-12 years). A further 3,432 (8.4%) are of secondary school going age (13-18 years)
- The average age in County Longford was slightly below the national average (36.8 and 37.4 years respectively), and this is generally reflective of the slightly younger age profile within the broader Eastern and Midlands region.
- 14.2% of the population are over 65 years (i.e. older persons), of which just 5.7 % of the population is older than 75 years of age.

Ethnicity

County Longford is a diverse county with many nationalities living therein which contribute to the local population and vibrant community. Approximately 19.5% of the population were born overseas and 16.4% of the population are not of Irish nationality.

The British, Polish and Lithuanian communities are the largest groups of non-nationals with pockets of high concentrations of Polish evident in Granard, Ballymahon and Longford town and Lithuanians in Longford town, Ballymahon and Edgeworthstown.

Education

County Longford has varying levels of educational attainment. 52.1% of the population above 15 years had completed their Leaving Certificate whilst 30.2% had completed Third Level education (i.e. to at least Level 6 on the National Framework of Qualifications [NFQ]).

Primary Schools

- There are 38 mainstream primary schools and 1 dedicated special needs primary school within the County.
- There is 1 no. Irish-medium taught primary school.
- All schools are either Catholic or Church of Ireland denominated faith.

Post-Primary Schools

- 68% of the population above 15 in the County have completed up to secondary level education.
- There are 9 post-primary schools in the County; 5 of which are inter-denominational, and none of which are in the Irish medium.

Third Level

- 30.2% of the population above 15 in the County have completed third level education or higher.
- Third level education levels are highest in the environs of the main County settlements and in those areas along the main transport corridors.

Employment

Employment levels in County Longford (48.4%) were lower than the national average (53.4%) and unemployment at the county level (11.8%) was higher than the national average at (9.1%) Other Stats: (5.1%) Disability, (15.2%) Retired, (9.9%) Students.

Pockets of relatively high unemployment can be found around Newtownforbes, Edgeworthstown, Ballymahon and Longford town when compared to other areas within the county.



Crime & related information

Some up to date data from our Partnership organisations are listed below. A more detailed compiling and analysis of such data will be undertaken as an action under this plan.

Prison Service

Prisoner releases, addresses from	Persons released in Year 2020	Persons releases in Year 2021	Persons released in Year 2022	Total
County Longford	93	71	31	195

Probation Service

- Caseload: The Longford Probation Team has dealt with approximately **180** in 2022 (up to June)
- Reoffending rate: The Probation re-offending rate for Longford is **27.9%**. This compares with the national reoffending rate of **27.9%** in the same reference year.
- Staffing: Co. Longford is managed by the Longford/Roscommon team which has a staff of seven, with one senior probation officer and five probation officers..
- There are currently **54** active community service orders across Co. Longford.
- **56** assessment reports relating to Longford were completed for the criminal courts this year up to June 2022. These included pre-sanction and community service reports.

The Probation Service works with Longford County Council, Tidy Towns and Longford Partnership in relation to community service Sites in the county. Duties include painting, litter picking, general maintenance and gardening duties.

An Garda Síochána

An agreed template for the issue of regular crime statistics is currently being developed with AGS, the Department of Justice and Local Community Safety Partnerships. At time of compiling this plan, the template was not ready.

Once available, the LCSP will have access to up to date analysis of crime data for the Longford Division, and this will be supplemented by verbal updates and discussion with senior Garda management from the Division, which will give greater context and understanding of local crime data- which can often be misinterpreted or misunderstood when viewed as high level statistics.

Some data from Q1 2022 is available for the County Longford (Longford & Granard subdivisions), however as noted above- these are simply numbers and do not account for specific context or other pertinent information to each situation.

	Longford Q1 2022- Reported	Longford Q1 2022 Detections*	Granard Q1 2022 Reported	Granard Q1 2022 Detections*
Burglaries- Residential	16	3	6	1
Theft from Shop	63	40	2	1
Total Assaults	36	21	32	6
All Public Order	57	42	7	5
Searches Undertaken	144 undertaken	NA	43 undertaken	NA

*Crimes where a suspected offender has been identified and sanctioned may be recorded as detected. Valid sanctions include charge or summons, formal and informal cautions (e.g. Adult Caution, Juvenile Caution), and fixed penalties (e.g. Fixed Charge Notice, Fixed Penalty Notice) for certain offences.

Services for Children, Young People & Families

The Longford/Westmeath Childrens & Young Peoples Service Committee (CYPSC) is an interagency group managed by Tusla. The purpose of the CYPSCs is to secure better outcomes for children and young people through more effective integration of existing services and interventions at local level.

The Longford Westmeath CYPSC Plan (2020- 2022) outlines a comprehensive overview of the services and supports for children , young people and

families across Longford & Westmeath. A number of these are specific to one county or the other as well as some shared/regional services. This information was taken into account during the LCSP analysis and development of actions and is a very good referral /resource document for services and community members alike.

The document can be accessed here [Longford Westmeath CYPSC Plan 20-24](#) or at the CYPSC website www.cypsc.ie



56 assessment reports relating to Longford were completed for the criminal courts this year up June 2022. these include pre-sanction and community service reports.

Comparative Socio Economic Indicators between Longford and the State

A comparative analysis of the findings of the Socio-Economic Baseline Study is provided below and provides an overview of the County in the context of a State perspective, mainly based in Census 2016, and supplemented by updated data where available

	Longford	State
Population		
Population	40,873	4,761,865
% of Population change 2011-2016	+4.8%	+3.8%
% of Population living in a Rural Area	65.85%	37.3%
Age Dependency (pop aged 1-14years & 65 years plus a % of working age) (14-64)	56.11%	52.7%
Births per 1000 (CSO 2016)	14.9%	13.5%
Average age of mothers (CSO 2016)	31.8	32.7
Health indicators		
% of pop that considers their health "good" or "very good"	85.3%	87%
% of pop with a disability	14.5%	13.55
Suicide rate per 100,000	9.8%	9.2%
Social inclusion		
Lone Parent rate (2011)	22.3%	21.6%
% Local Authority Housing 2016	13.5%	8.9%
Total number of Irish Travellers	1038	30,987
% of Resident population that are from the Traveller Community	2.5%	0.6%
% of non nationals	14.7%	11.6%
Largest Minority Group	Polish	Polish
% of Polish community	4.7%	2.6%
Proportion of population aged 15+ with 3rd level education	32.5%	42%
Absolute HP Index Score 2016	-10.2	-3.6

	Longford	State
Employment indicators		
Total pop at work	15,172	2,006,641
Labour Force Participation Rate (CSO 2016)	60.2%	61.4%
Unemployment Rate (CSO 2016)	11.8%	9.1%
Numbers on Live Register (May 2022)	2112	171,903
Numbers on Live Register under 25 (May 2022)	271	16,824
Disposable Income Level (per capita 2019)	16,865	22,032
Language Skills		
% that speak a language other than Irish or English at home	14.2%	13%
% that speak a language other than Irish or English at home and also unable to speak English well or at all	28.2%	16.6%
Household Indicators		
% of people aged 15 and over who travel		
to work/school in ½ hour or less	64.2%	54.2%
Vacant Housing ratio	14.6%	9.14%
% of households with broadband connection (2019)	86.8%	91%
Crime & related		
Re-offending Rate 2021 (Probation Service)	27.9%	27.9%

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Building the Community Safety Plan



4.1 Background

The Community Safety Plan is the result of the collaborative efforts of the Local Community Safety Partnership and its constituent organisations, other stakeholders and the community of County Longford.

Throughout 2021 and 2022, we mobilised Partnership members organisations, brought together a diverse set of stakeholders and consulted with many members of the community.

We listened to community concerns, conducted research, learned from international best practices and developed this plan to keep Longford a safe place to live, work, learn and play.

Purpose

The purpose of the Community Safety Plan is to build a solid foundation in Longford for working together with all stakeholders to maintain and enhance community safety, as outlined in the Community Safety Policy issued by the Department of Justice

The Plan is intended to:

- Support a co-ordinated approach to addressing community safety.
- Encourage an improved level of community and stakeholder collaboration.
- Advance principles of best practice in prevention and intervention
- Promote a better understanding of local issues and to explore the relevant safety risks and protective factors.

The Plan articulates a shared vision, mission and goals for the future. It includes strategic priorities and initiatives for the Partnership members and others, acting within their respective mandates and in collaboration, to achieve that.

A number of safety risk factors and protective factors have been identified and can be found in Appendix 3.

4.2 Plan Process

The phases of development for community safety plan are listed below:

Phase 1: The initial phase focused on a review and analysis of existing safety risks, vulnerabilities, and opportunities through background research, a best practices review, stakeholder meetings and key informant interviews. In workshops, the Partnership

agreed its vision, mission and also identified 5 key themes on which to base the public consultation

Phase 2: The second phase was a strong engagement process with the public and stakeholders to establish a baseline on the perception of safety, to identify public safety risks and issues, and to propose initiatives and solutions that respond to these specific risks. Due to the difficulties in accessing the relevant up to date data in a timely manner, we were not able to engage in the type of data-supported processes we would have liked which would have included an initial community safety profile, community safety scan and gap analysis. This does represent a limitation, and is why the Community Safety Partnership is choosing to develop an 18 month plan which will lay solid foundations and build the capacity and cohesiveness needed to address some of the more complex items raised in the public consultation.

It is envisaged that the relevant data from stakeholders and Partnership members as well as data from the 2022 Census will come available in the coming months. **This will then feed into the development of this living document/foundational plan and our next 3 year strategic Community Safety Plan.**

Phase 3: Phase 3 consisted of workshops and meetings of the Thematic Working Groups to agree the strategic objectives and actions to include in the Community Safety Plan. A number of drafts were developed and revised by the Steering Group and the full Local Community Safety Partnership.

Phase 4: The actions for Community Safety Plan were adopted by the Local Community Safety Partnership on 13th June 2022.



Figure 5 Development phases for Community Safety Plan

4.3 Defining Community Safety

There is no single or universal definition of community safety. Simply put it is

People being safe and feeling safe in their community

This Community Safety Plan is guided by a vision of a safe community for all where we collectively create and continually improve upon the conditions that enable all of us to enjoy the highest level of safety and security possible.

Longford Local Community Safety Partnership understands that community safety is :

- broadly interpreted as much more than the frequency or severity of crime / victimisation or the visible presence and profile of social issues in an area
- understood to include people's perceptions, sense of safety, and vulnerabilities;
- recognised as one piece of overall community vitality and well-being;
- regarded as fundamental to quality of life and the ability of people to fully participate in community; and
- assumed as relevant to all who live, work, learn and play in Longford.

A shift in thinking- building foundations for an early intervention and prevention model

The new [Policing and Community Safety Bill](#) (see Part 3), and the objectives of Local Community Safety Partnerships call for a fundamental shift in the ways in which society thinks about community safety.

Traditionally, government and society has looked to address community safety issues through a lens

of law enforcement, crime and crime prevention with policing/An Garda Síochána being the primary response.

An enforcement-only view on community safety increases barriers and risks for everyone but in particular those from disadvantaged and marginalised backgrounds and communities and this should not be the default response to community safety challenges. Alone, enforcement cannot address root causes, proactively reduce risks, or promote and maintain community safety and well-being.

Government services, health services, education systems and community based services, also struggled to uproot systemic inequity and to effectively respond to community violence, trauma and injustice when acting in silos.

As such, members of Longford Local Community Safety Partnership and the communities we have consulted with have called for a reimagining of core elements of community safety and shift from a reliance on reactive emergency response to a cohesive, collaborative culture of prevention.

In order to drive this, we have looked to best practice in community safety and well-being planning around the world, which includes Scotland, Canada, Northern Ireland and Australia for guidance and inspiration.

For Longford to make the shift to a culture of prevention, a focus needs to be put on developing and/or enhancing programs that fall under social development, prevention, and risk intervention to reduce the reliance on emergency response and strengthen community capacity to promote and maintain a sense of community safety and well-being.

Following our extensive public consultation and engagement with our stakeholders , Longford LCSP believes that the reduction of marginalisation, vulnerability, and the number of people who are on a pathway to criminalisation is fundamental to community safety. By taking to steps to address these, we strive to create an ideal state of a

sustainable community where everyone is safe, feels safe, has a sense of belonging, has access to services, and has opportunities to participate fully in all that Longford has to offer.

A key step towards creating this shift in thinking is the development of this initial 18 month Community Safety Plan for Longford which will build a solid foundation for the Local Community

Safety Partnership, our stakeholders and the communities of Longford to tackle the more complex community safety issues together.

Based on our consultation we have identified several guiding principles, assumptions and factors around the concept of Community Safety that have shaped the development of the Plan and will guide the work ahead:

Our Foundational Values

The foundational values as outlined in the LCSP Terms of Reference (Appendix 2) will ensure all efforts to improve community safety in Longford consider the perspectives, recommendations, and implications for all members of the community, including those who are marginalised and most vulnerable. These values provide the lenses that will guide this work:

• Partnership

Working together towards a common vision and goals. Strive for continuous improvement and excellence.

• Respect

Considerate towards all residents, stakeholders and partners. Recognise that individuals and groups have competencies and strengths. Speak directly to service users. Active listening and ensuring we take account of different perspectives.

• Integrity

Honest, ethical, and fair. Risk-sensible approach to practice. Professional at all times. Consistent service and supports. Accountable and transparent practices

• Inclusivity

We recognise that everyone has different challenges, risks and needs for safety and security. We also recognise that some communities are particularly vulnerable and we are committed to ensuring their needs are taken into consideration.

• Participation

People have a right to be heard on matters that affect their well-being- so we are morally obligated to listen, and help others raise their voice.

• Accountability

• Confidentiality

We respect privacy and commit to refrain from sharing personal or potentially sensitive information about an individual or group especially if that information has been shared in confidence

• Diversity

We value diversity and acknowledge that differences between people (ie. Race, gender, class, age, country of origin, education, religion, physical or cognitive abilities) are valued assets and commit to strive for a diverse representation as a critical step toward equity)

• Collaboration

Co-created innovative and creative solutions to keep the community safe. Proactive engagement, collaboration, learning and alignment with all relevant stakeholders. Shared understanding of desired service user outcomes.

Strategic approach

To address the priorities of this CSP and effectively create change in Longford, it is essential to take an approach that is both integrated and strategic. While the foundational values provide the lenses that inform the CSP, the following strategic approaches will help put it into action:

Base Actions in Evidence and Knowledge

Ensuring community safety work is guided by evidence as well as input of community members is vital for achieving desired outcomes, grounding them in available data, and considering the historic and current knowledge of the community and its stakeholders.

Collaboration, Coordination, and Alignment of Services

The success of the CSP depends on the collective willingness and ability of system leaders to create change in current service systems, including working beyond conventional 'silos' and in collaboration with others toward a collective vision through mutually agreed-upon actions.

Communication

Obtaining buy-in to address priorities is highly dependent on the communication of desired outcomes and their connections to priority actions. Ongoing communication within and across Partners, services and the community is vital to CSP success.

Focus on Social Determinants of Safety and Well-Being

Addressing determinants of community safety and well-being in relation to plan priorities. This should include determinants at different levels, including individual, relationship, community, and societal levels.

Engage the Community

No objectives can be accomplished solely through the efforts of organisations and systems. Grassroots and community level involvement is critical for its success. All Partners must commit to engaging the community, including people with lived or living experience, in the development and implementation of solutions.

Leverage Partnerships

The CSP is meant to harness existing efforts, build on them, and form novel connections between existing approaches. Partnerships are critical for maximising limited resources and finding solutions based in multi-disciplinary thinking and practice.

Our Community Safety Planning Approach

Based on the foundational values and approaches identified above, the LCSP has agreed 8 guiding principles and assumptions that will guide the work of the Partnership and the actions outlined within our Community Safety Plan. This is in line with best practice models of Community Safety and Wellbeing from around the world including Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia.

As Longford is one of 3 pilot for this initiative, with no formally agreed guideline for community safety planning- we will use this approach to direct our foundational work over the next 18 months. This will then feed into the development of a national framework for Community Safety Planning, through the Department of Justice.

1. Community Safety for All

Everyone has the right to go about daily life feeling safe, without fear or risk of harm or injury. In practice, this means developing and implementing inclusive strategic initiatives and actions that engage diverse groups in meaningful ways and support those most vulnerable to harm and injury.

2. Involving Everyone

Community safety and security involves the community coming together to better understand its strengths, challenges and responsibilities, and to take collective action. This requires a focus on collaboration and co-ordination both among local government structures, social service agencies, businesses, community based organisations and residents, the broader public and those most affected.

3. Understanding Risks & Protective Factors

Longford has a range of risk and protective factors that impact community safety. The aim is for us to identify and define these through the work of the Community Safety Partnership and our stakeholders, as more data becomes available to

us. We can then reduce harm from these risks and to increase individual and community safety and security through our strengths and assets.

This list can be found in **Appendix 3**.

4. Addressing Urgent Situations

Incidents like feuding and drug dealing and violent crimes undermine public safety. Along with our partners, we seek to respond to these urgent incidents to address harm and injury, minimise victimisation, and hold individuals and organisations responsible, where relevant.

5. A Proactive And Preventative Approach

It is important we move towards prioritising early intervention and prevention. When developing prevention programs, different levels of prevention should be considered, depending on the target group for the activity. We recognise that 1 size does not fit all situations.

6. Enhancing Community Resilience

More resilient communities are safer communities. Resilience is the ability of individuals and groups to withstand, respond, and adapt to shocks and chronic stressors (e.g. crime). Building resilience involves working across sectors to enhance individual and community resilience.

7. Enhancing Safe Public Spaces

All people have the right to go about daily life in a safe environment secure from threats to their personal safety. This requires supporting safe physical spaces, especially in public and at community amenities.

8. A Broad View

The social determinants of health are the building blocks of safe communities. This means supporting people's physical, psychological, emotional and mental health and the range of qualities that make Longford a good place to live socially, physically, economically.

We will work with the Sláinte Care Healthy Community Programme Longford closely to support this.

4.4 Engaging the public/What we heard

In order to help the LCSP better understand the Community Safety landscape in County Longford, a public consultation was undertaken. At a workshop undertaken by the LCSP on November 2021, 5 key themes were identified to guide this consultation and to help prioritise the issue to be addressed through this Community Safety Plan. These were:

Policing & Emergency Services

Community Engagement & Development

Youth Prevention Initiatives and Education

Public Space & Amenities

Community Services & Family Supports

As well as trying to prioritise the community safety issues to be addressed and how the community wanted these dealt with, the LCSP also wanted to develop a baseline of the sense of 'Community Safety' and the perception of how safe Longford is as a County. It also sought to establish an understanding of respondents familiarity with agencies that could be called on to deal with community safety issues, and the willingness of individual and groups respondents to get involved with projects and initiatives to improve the sense of community safety in Longford.

The public consultation period took place from February 20th – March 21st 2022.

The public consultation consisted of:

- Online survey/questionnaire
- Facilitated focus groups (offline)
- Open Public Meetings in each Municipal district area

There were 335 responses in total to the online survey which include 296 individual responses and 39 responses from community groups/organisations/businesses.

Facilitated sessions were held with 12 groups including:

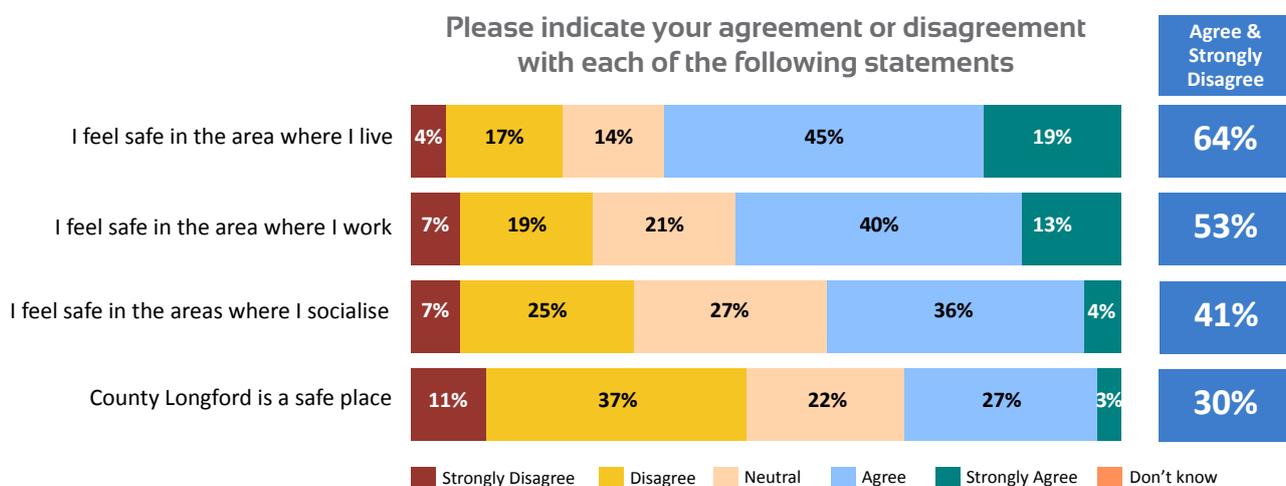
Longford Comhairle na Nóg; Active Age Groups, Public Participation Network (workshop at each MD Plenary meeting), Roma Girls Youth Group, Direct Provision Centre, Open public meetings in Longford and Edgeworthstown Libraries(Longford & Ballymahon MD) and Moyne Latin School Community Centre (Granard MD) and Mens Sheds groups.

These garnered feedback from an additional 208 individuals.

Some of the key findings are listed below. The full detail of the consultation analysis can be found at [Longford Local Community Safety Partnership-LongfordCoCo](#).

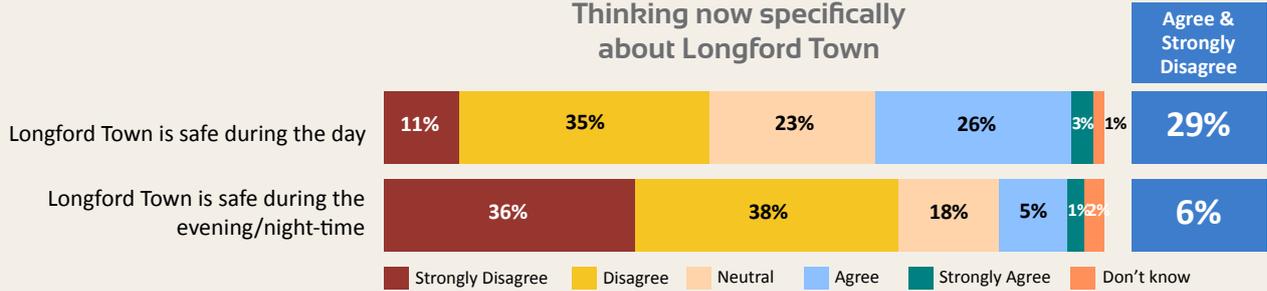
Overview of key findings from consultation:

Sense of Safety – Individuals



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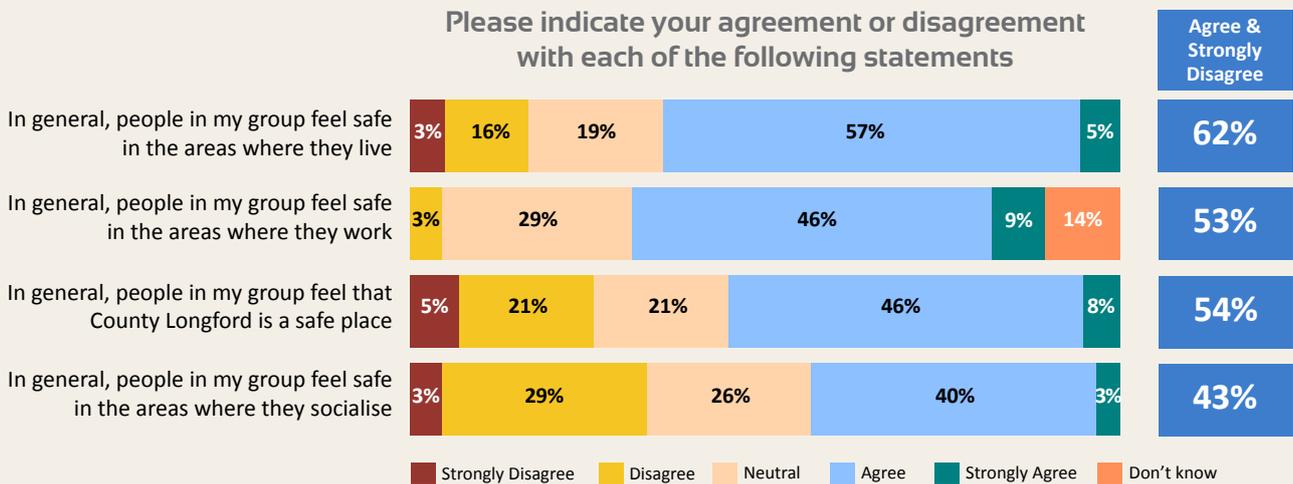
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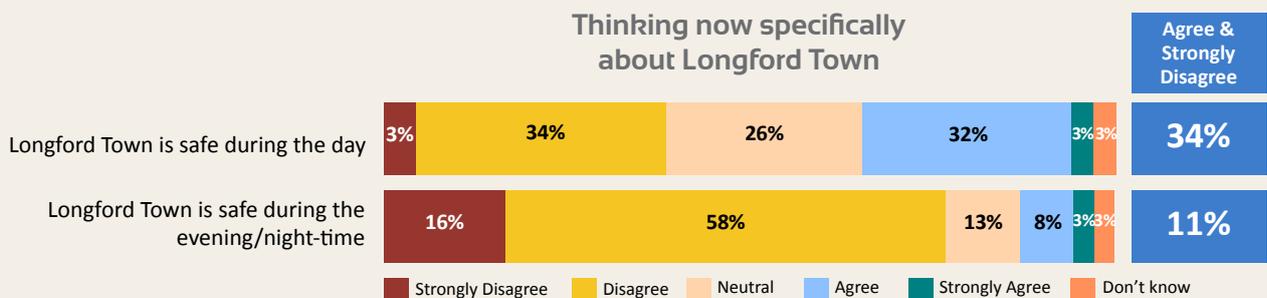
Sense of Safety – Groups

Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements



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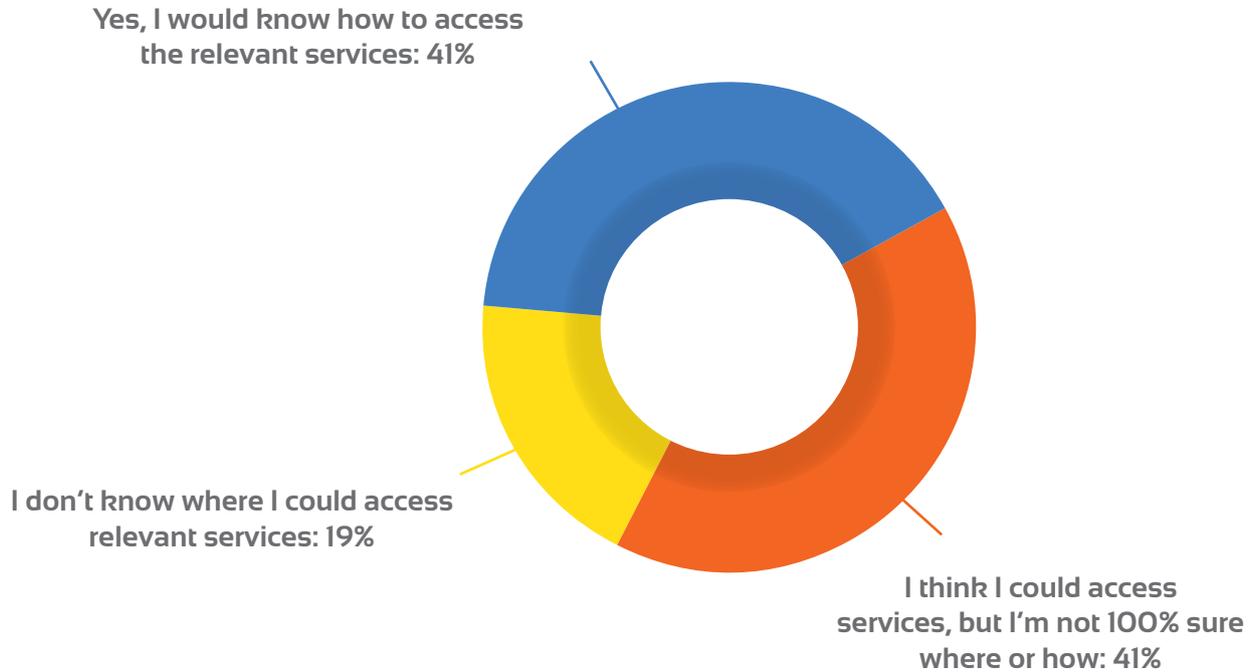
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Awareness of Services

If you had a concern about safety (e.g. your personal safety, violence, crime, verbal or physical abuse) do you know where you can access relevant services in County Longford?



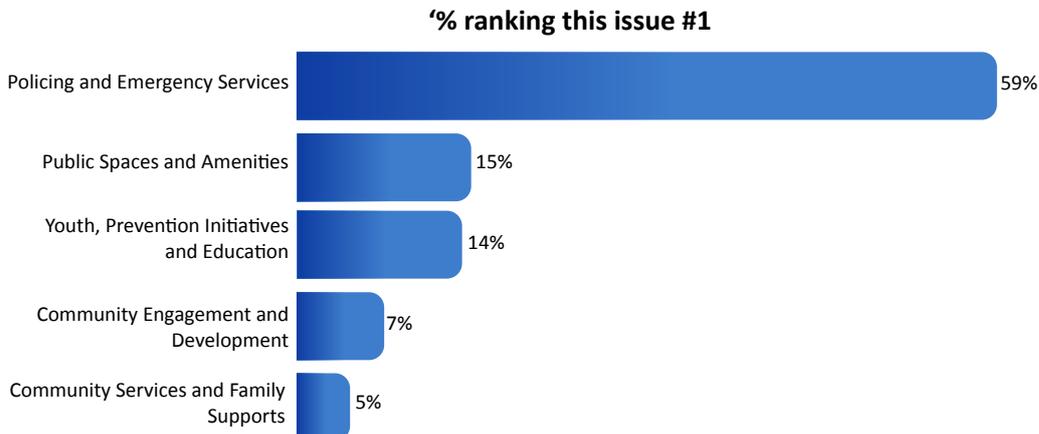
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Areas of focus, ranked by priority

We asked respondents to rank the identified themes by priority, and then to identify the top 3 issues for the #1 and #2 ranked themes. There was consistency across the individuals and groups, with small variance in ranked order depending on the age band of respondents. The charts below show the ranking by individual and group respondent.

Individuals

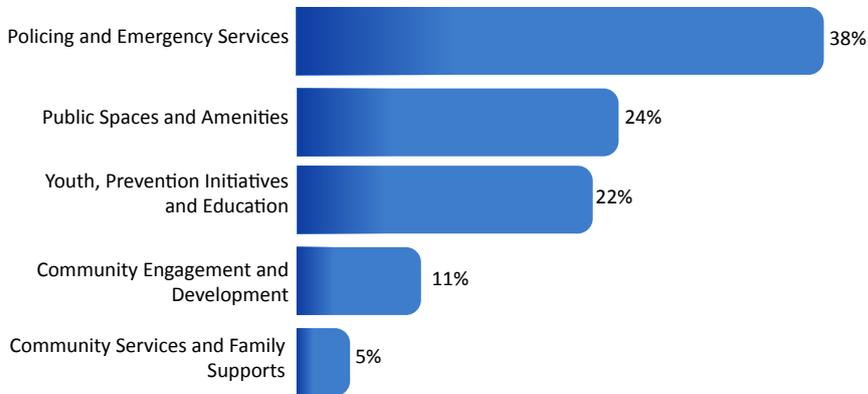
The Longford Local Community Safety Partnership has developed five areas of focus for delivering a safe community. Please rank these in order 1 to 5, with 1 being what you think is the most important aspect, 2 for the next most important and so on.



Base: Private individual 296

Groups

The Longford Local Community Safety Partnership has developed five areas of focus for delivering a safe community. Please rank these in order 1 to 5, with 1 being what you think is the most important aspect, 2 for the next most important and so on. **% ranking #1**



Base: Group 39

Policing & Emergency Services

The top 3 points raised under this theme were

1. More Gardaí on the street/increase garda visibility and presence (85%).
2. More resources for Policing and Emergency Services (27%).
3. Stricter punishments/penalties/enforcement (22%).

(% is from the number of individuals who ranked this theme #1 or #2)

Some comments from respondents include:

“Proper sentencing of offenders, those with persistent records of offences given custodial sentences rather than suspended\community sentences”

“more Gardaí visible on the streets on a regular basis to make people feel safer”

“More resources to tackle drug dealing”

“We need more community gardaí to be proactive and to get to know the communities better. We don’t know ‘the local garda’ anymore”

“make it easier for people to speak with gardaí to report issues. I don’t want to ring 999 with every issue but my local station is not 24 hrs. I think a lot of things are simply not reported anymore in my area”

“The Courts need to make sure appropriate punishments are given. There are lots of repeat offenders that get bail and suspended sentences-how can I feel safe when this happens?”

“drug dealing and drug use is rife in Longford”

Youth Prevention Initiatives and Education

The top 3 points raised under this theme were

1. More amenities or activities for Youth (38%).
2. More/better engagement with young people (by services/authorities) (33%).
3. More educational opportunities (30%).

(% is from the number of individuals who ranked this theme #1 or #2)

Also ranking highly was provision of Drug/alcohol awareness programmes and prevention initiatives.

Some comments from respondents include:

“All young people need safe spaces to congregate and socialise after 5pm. Need to understand that not all youths want to be in a youth club or youth groups. Especially for those between 16-18”

“More activities for teenagers to become involved in. Give them responsibility for community tasks eg gardening, keeping spaces clean”

“More Activities for children and teens, skateparks, bike parks, youth clubs”

“Can you look at parental advice and responsibility? A lot of kids involved in ASB have little or no parental supervision. Families need support and parents need to be accountable”

“Encourage youth to volunteer in helping their communities thereby giving them a sense of purpose and involvement and leadership in the community”

“There needs to be more available Information and help on all aspects of employment including Full and part time employment, trade Apprenticeship and not just 3rd level education. Encouragement to develop local commercial and retail sales and service”

Community Engagement and Development

The top 3 points raised under this theme were

1. More engagement with young people (30%).
2. Support for community/voluntary groups (25%).
3. More awareness raising and communication about services & initiatives (25%).

(% is from the number of individuals who ranked this theme #1 or #2)

Also ranking highly is more engagement with minority groups/new communities (21%)

Some comments from respondents include:

“Longford town needs a family resource centre”

“Improve Longford’s image .get young and old involved, need to grow our love and respect of place”

“need to support Traveller awareness and pride. Apart from a very small Traveller project there is not any other service promoting and supporting this minority in the town”

“more integration with the different minorities across Longford. there is a sense of communities not being joined up”

“LCSP agencies need to ensure assertive outreach in the disadvantaged estates targeting those who are not engaged and do not have the resources to

engage with youth services. Youth services actually coming in to the estates rather than the estates having to go to their services.”

“Reactivate the volunteer led Crime Prevention Ambassador programme”

Public Space & Amenities

The top 3 points raised under this theme were

1. Better or additional Public/Street Lighting (38%).
2. More CCTV (37%).
3. More Security/Garda Presence (37%)

(% is from the number of individuals who ranked this theme #1 or #2)

Some comments from respondents include:

“Greater/ enhanced use of CCTV with appropriate lighting and monitoring”

“Zero tolerance on littering and anti-social behaviour”

Managing spaces allocated for buses and not allowing cars to park or impeded the buses

“Consider a review of speed limits and also speed ramps. Some rural areas and even busy housing estates could do with ramps to slow traffic. Speeding is an issue in rural areas as well as towns”

“There is only 1 playground in the Longford Town area. It is not enough for the population. Some people living in Farnagh area don’t have transport and its not safe to walk with a number of kids over to the Mall. We would like a playground or at least a safe clean space for kids to play”

“community spaces like hubs or community houses are important for disadvantaged areas. The rural areas all have community centres and great spirit but in the towns we have no space to meet in or do community activities”

“Dereliction and vacant properties is a blight on our towns. It attracts ASB and drinking. Please deal with derelict and empty properties. Tax the owners”

Community Services and Family Supports

The top 3 points raised under this theme were

1. More engagement with/support for families (24%).
2. Improve awareness of services (20%).
3. More/easier access to services (20%).

(% is from the number of individuals who ranked this theme #1 or #2)

Some comments from respondents include:

“There needs to be an Increase in resources for family support throughout the county focused on the whole family not just children”

“Edgeworthstown needs a family resource centre as a place people can just drop in for

whatever help they need and to help the different nationalities integrate”

“please resource community supports specifically tailored to responding to victims of crime, responding to advocacy for people who are surviving abuse not defined as criminal activity but that hurt- a trauma informed approach”

“There is no signage in the town telling people where the Garda Station is let alone any other service. Please get more readily available and accessible information on how and where to access these services”

“ a drop in centre is needed in Longford town to make is easy for people to get to the services they need- eg addiction services, counselling, help with forms etc. Bridgeways FRC in Ballymahon is a great service for that area- in Longford town we don’t have this”!

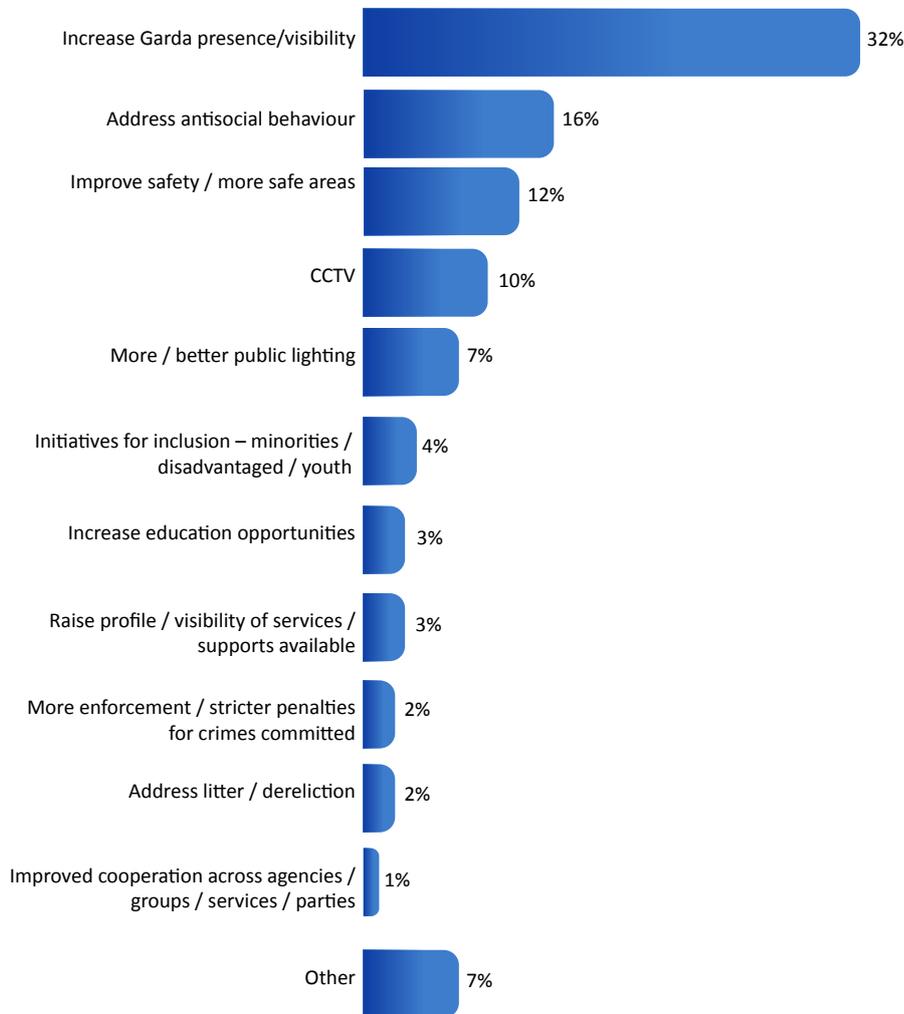


LCSP members with Colmcille Text Alert Group at the launch of the Longford Text Alert App April22

The '1 thing' LCSP should do to improve safety

Individual respondents (296 total) were asked what 1 thing the LCSP could do to make them feel safer. An overview of responses is below:

If there was one thing you would like Longford Community Safety Partnership do to improve community safety for you, what would that be?



Base: Private individual 296

Notes on analysis

During LCSP action planning workshops, it was noted that there were a number of relevant and pertinent issues highlighted in consultation that are outside of the control of a 'Local' Community Safety Partnership. It is intended that a National Community Safety Office will be established by the Department of Justice during the lifetime of this plan. Regional and national forums will be established to help address issues relating to wider policy issues. Longford LCSP will channel any information on such issues to the Department of

Justice and its Evaluation team, to help shape and develop Community Safety Policy.

There were also some complex issues identified in in-depth analysis that will be addressed more effectively once some key issues are addressed (eg improved communication and information sharing and better collaboration with local services)

The LCSP has agreed to develop a 'Foundational' Community Safety Plan to cover the period up to 2024, to build a strong foundation on which to improve Community Safety in Longford going forward.

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The Community Safety Plan



Longford Local Community Safety Partnership is guided by the three overarching objectives set for the pilot programme, by the Department of Justice these are outlined in detail in Section 2 and summarised below:

- **Prioritise issues identified by the community as safety concerns.**
- **Improve multi-agency collaboration in the area.**
- **Increase community confidence in service providers.**

Our Vision for Longford

Longford LCSP devised a vision statement for Longford at its first workshop, held in November 2021:



**Longford:
an inclusive community – where everyone is safe;
feels safe and is respected.**

Our Mission Statement

To create a culture of shared ownership, trust, respect and responsibility around community safety. This will be done by building collaboration with Agencies, An Garda Siochana and Local Authorities and harnessing a community mobilisation approach to empower and educate communities to respond to issues at a local level.

The objectives of the LCSP pilot programme, and the Vision & Mission developed by the Longford LCSP were at the forefront of mind during the consultation analysis and action planning sessions held in April & May 2022.

Priority Areas and objectives

Following the analysis of information, public consultation feedback (detailed in section 4) and workshops held with the full membership of the Local Community Safety Partnership and its working Groups, it was clear some foundational areas of work needed to be prioritised, to create a strong foundation on which to create a sustainable prevention approach to community safety planning and management.

The following **six priority areas** (with 17 objectives) were identified for this foundational Community Safety Plan:

Priority Area 1	
Enhance crime prevention and response, Garda visibility and the perception of safety in Longford	
Objective 1	To increase Garda visibility in Longford and to improve public accessibility to An Garda Síochána.
Objective 2	Support crime prevention initiatives across the County.
Objective 3	Work with Justice System organisations in Longford to improve the communication, collaboration and community trust.
Priority Area 2	
Build capacity and drive collaboration within the Longford Community Safety Partnership	
Objective 4	Development of a Training Programme for members of Longford LCSP, to build capacity, knowledge base and skills to ensure members are comfortable with inter-agency collaboration.
Objective 5	Develop Data Sharing Protocols with Partnership Organisations in order to ensure we have the relevant data and evidence base to make well-informed decisions and effective plans.
Objective 6	Create a strong network of key co-ordinators and organisers of relevant local, regional and national inter-agency groups to build better collaboration.
Priority Area 3	
Improve communication and sharing of information about services and supports	
Objective 7	Improve communication and information sharing between service providers and stakeholders.
Objective 8	Enhance information availability and the road mapping of services for the public in Longford.
Objective 9	Improve the public image of Longford as a safe and desirable place to work, live and play.
Priority Area 4	
Enhance integration and supports for minority groups, new communities, and disadvantaged communities	
Objective 10	Develop a coordinated and targeted programme of response and support for the Traveller Community in Longford.
Objective 11	Support collaborative actions and initiatives aimed at promoting diversity and inclusion.

Priority Area 5

Build a model of community and agency collaboration and response in targeted geographic areas in Longford

Objective 12	Develop a multi- agency approach to address challenges and support development of a sustainable community in the Ardnacassa area, Longford Town.
Objective 13	Advocate for the resources and supports to develop additional Family Resource Centres in Longford.

Priority Area 6

Lead collaborative community safety and community development projects across County Longford

Objective 14	Improvement of public spaces and infrastructure and to develop a better sense of 'place'.
Objective 15	Delivering of targeted community safety initiatives by LCSP stakeholders
Objective 16	Support the development of initiatives and facilities aimed at children and young people.
Objective 17	Explore the development of community-centred approaches to build trust and improve sense of safety.

Categorising actions

In developing the actions, we have identified a categorisation of impact we believe the action will have:

Category	Description
Capacity/Relationship Building	The action or initiative will help to build skills, knowledge and confidence of stakeholder, community groups and residents , so they can contribute to the improving of community safety, or build better working relationships.
Risk Reduction	The action or initiative will contribute to the reduction of risk factors or reduce the likelihood or severity of risks for group or individual.
Disruptive/ Chain-breaking	The action or initiative will disrupt, stop or suppress activities or systems that contribute to criminality, sense of fear or poor community safety.
Communication/ Data-sharing	This action will contribute to better collaboration and information flows, allowing more informed decisions to be made.

Performance indicators and list of potential barriers/challenges

In designing actions, we have also identified potential performance indicators to help measure impact. A full framework for the monitoring an evaluation of the action plan is something that the LCSP will work on during the lifetime of this project. Other indicators may emerge during implementation.

Ware also linking in with the Pilot programme evaluators on a regular basis and data gathered during this will assist us in measuring performance.

'Stories of Change' relates to the collection of qualitative data from participants and stakeholders, as being undertaken on a quarterly basis for the formal evaluation of the Programme.

Potential barriers or challenges for each action have been identified as a way to pre-empt and mitigate these where possible. It is acknowledged that this is not an exhaustive list and other may emerge during implementation . these will be captured as they arise.

Further information on our proposed monitoring an evaluation of the action plan can be found in Section 5.3.



The prevailing sentiment among those who engaged with our public consultation process was that An Garda Síochána is under resourced in the Longford Division, and that an increase in regular foot patrols and a Garda presence on the streets is needed

5.2 Initiatives by priority area and objective

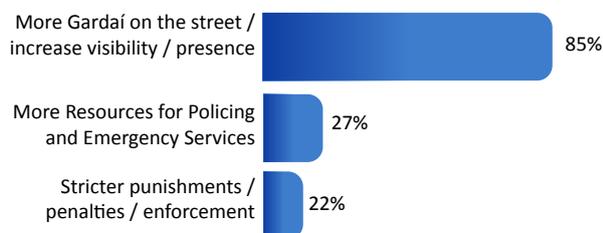


Priority Area 1

Enhance crime prevention and response, Garda visibility and the perception of safety in Longford

Rationale for inclusion:

- 59% of individual respondents and 38% of focus groups in our public consultation process ranked Policing and Emergency services as the most important theme the LCSP should prioritise. Of these the majority indicated that increased Garda resources and visibility would make them feel safer and that stricter penalties should be enforced for repeat offenders. The graph below show the top three categories prioritised by all respondents who ranked Policing & Emergency Services as their #1 or #2 priority.



- The prevailing sentiment among those who engaged with our public consultation process was that An Garda Síochána is under resourced in the Longford Division, and that an increase in regular foot patrols and a Garda presence on the streets of the main streets of Longford Town, Ballymahon Town and Edgeworthstown at appropriate times would deter on-street violence and anti-social activity which can be intermittently ignited by social events and at flashpoint areas. This is also in line with the findings and objectives of the Urbact UrbSecurity Action group and its Longford Integrated Area Plan (2021).
- We will collaborate with the Longford Division of An Garda Síochána to improve the visibility and accessibility of the existing resources to the public through joint outreach and communication initiatives. We recognise that the allocation of additional Garda resources, as highlighted as a priority for the public, is outside of the control of the Longford LCSP. We will support and advocate for additional resources, if this would improve accessibility & visibility of AGS.
- Our public consultation process sought to establish

a baseline for the perception of 'how safe' County Longford and Longford Town is. The results were stark. While 64% of individuals (of a base of 296) agree or strongly agree that they feel safe in the area where they live, 29% of the same respondents agree or strongly agree that Longford Town is safe during the day, and only 6% agree or strongly agree that Longford Town is safe in the evening/night time. A total of 36% strongly disagree with the statement that Longford Town is safe in the evening/night time.

- This coupled with a plethora of anecdotal comments from respondents about negative feedback, reporting of violent and serious crime in the county (locally and nationally) highlights the challenge of the perception of 'how safe' Longford is (as a County but also the main urban area- Longford Town. Longford LCSP needs to undertake some activity to highlight the positive stories from Longford and to present an evidence-based picture and improve public perception (Locally and nationally) of the County.
- A key issue highlighted in our public consultation meetings was the perceived lack of accessibility to an Garda Síochána. Some attendees do not report crimes such as anti-social behaviour as they do not feel comfortable ringing the station to complain about 'trivial items'. Some Garda stations are manned part-time and people in smaller urban and rural areas report that they miss having a personal relationship with the 'local Garda'. This has led to a disconnect with some members of the community with An Garda Síochána. However, on a positive note 97% of respondents to our Community Safety (Public Consultation) Survey indicate that An Garda Síochána is the first organisation they would approach if they had a safety issue. This demonstrates a well developed trust with the organisation. It also underlines the systemic reliance on Policing as the primary driver of community safety- the LCSP is anxious to shift that focus to a cohesive culture of prevention over reaction. The importance of the Community Policing Unit working with other Partners is highlighted in this regard.

Objective 1

To increase Garda visibility in Longford and to improve public accessibility to An Garda Síochána

Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators	
<p>1.1 On Street Presence and Patrols In line with the Policing Plan, AGS will endeavour to increase on street presence on a regular basis in Longford Town, Edgeworthstown and Ballymahon, where resources allow</p>	<p>Risk Reduction</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of foot patrols How well did we do it? % decrease in crimes committed Is anyone better off? % increase in the perception of safety in Longford.</p>	
<p>1.2 Maximise AGS Resources Longford LCSP will advocate for additional resources to be allocated to the Longford Division of AGS, if this will assist with the delivery of increased visibility and community policing</p>	<p>Risk Reduction</p>	<p>How much did we do? representations made How well did we do it? % increase of resources Is anyone better off? % increase in the perception of safety in Longford.</p>	
<p>1.3 Outreach & Engagement Building on the work of the Community Policing unit, we will engage in outreach clinics with rural communities and identified estates in the urban centres and key social events. A schedule of targeted topic events will be arranged</p>	<p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of events held #of locations visited How well did we do it? % increase in satisfaction with Garda engagement Is anyone better off? Stories of Change</p>	
<p>1.4 Community Safety Roadshow Exhibition Trailer To support the outreach work, the LCSP will seek to acquire a Community Safety Roadshow exhibition trailer that can be utilised by the LCSP and its partners at outreach clinics, road shows, fairs, community events etc. this will help with visibility of the LCSP, An Garda Síochána and other Partnership Organisations</p>	<p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p>	<p>How much did we do? Unit acquired How well did we do it? % awareness of unit Is anyone better off? Stories of Change</p>	

Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
Garda resources need to be maximised to ensure there is operational capacity to undertake.	Q3 2022 and ongoing	An Garda Síochána	Longford LCSP
The granting of any requests is the responsibility of the Garda Commissioner. The availability of Garda Resources to support Partnership activities and collaborations is key to success.	Q3 2022	Longford LCSP	An Garda Síochána Dept. of Justice
Commitment to allocate personnel from the relevant Partnership Organisations on a regular basis is required.	Q3 2022 and ongoing	Longford LCSP An Garda Síochána	Longford County Council, HSE, MRDATF. LCRL Youth Services
Funding needs to be approved in order to progress this action – a funding application is being made under the Community Safety Innovation Fund.	Q4 2022	Longford LCSP Longford County Council	All LCSP Partners Dept. of Justice

Objective 2

Support crime prevention initiatives across the county

Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators
<p>2.1 Property Marking Scheme Longford LCSP will seek to expand the Property Marking initiative across county Longford. this will include providing training for volunteers to use the Property Marking Machine, arranging marking days and advertising the loan facility to community groups.</p> <p>It is envisaged that this action will support and reinforce the revitalisation of Community Text Alerts/ Neighbourhood watch groups and the use of our Community Text Alert Initiatives.</p> <p>Longford LCSP will seek funding to purchase two property marking machines to further this action .</p>	<p>Disruptive/Chain breaking</p> <p>Risk Reduction</p>	<p>How much did we do # of events held</p> <p>How well did we do it % increase in sense of security funding secured for new items</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>
<p>2.2 Support the roll out and Development of the Longford Text Alert App to improve communication with AGS. Support the roll out of the Longford Text Alert Application and grow the number of Alert groups, to include businesses. This is in line with actions contained in the AGS Longford Policing Plan for 2022</p>	<p>Communication/ data sharing</p> <p>Risk Reduction</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of existing groups linked % increase in new groups</p> <p>How well did we do it? # of messages issued % increase in sense of safety</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>
<p>2.3 Support the introduction of the An Garda Síochána ‘See Something, Say Something’ text scheme Longford LCSP will work to support the introduction of this communication initiative in the Longford Division of AGS</p>	<p>Communication/ data sharing</p> <p>Risk Reduction</p>	<p>How much Did we do? # number of items reported</p> <p>How well did we do it? % increase in sense of safety Increase in satisfaction with Garda accessibility</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Stories of Change</p>
<p>2.4 Consider the reintroduction and expansion of the ‘Crime Prevention Ambassador’ Programme In conjunction with An Garda Síochána, we will examine if it is viable to develop and expanded Crime Prevention Ambassador Programme with local ‘Community Safety Champions’</p>	<p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Risk Reduction</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of Ambassadors trained</p> <p>How well did we do it? # of engagements with residents and AGS</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Stories of Change</p>

	Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
	<p>Multiple Marking machines will be required to get full coverage across the County.</p> <p>Training needs to be provided for volunteers, this comes at a cost of €500 per 10 participants after the initial session, provided free of charge with purchase of devices.</p> <p>Machines to be maintained and insured.</p>	<p>Q4 to purchase machines</p> <p>Ongoing once scheme is up and running</p>	<p>Longford LCSP</p> <p>Longford County Council</p>	<p>An Garda Síochána</p> <p>Community Groups</p> <p>County Longford PPN</p> <p>Chamber of Commerce & Traders Associations</p> <p>Irish Farmers Association</p>
	<p>The benefits of the Scheme need to be well advertised.</p> <p>Animation & capacity building work may need to be undertaken to encourage engagement in early stages.</p>	Q3 2022	<p>Longford County Council</p> <p>Longford LCSP</p>	<p>An Garda Síochána</p> <p>Muintir na Tíre</p> <p>Community Text alert Groups/Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>Community Groups/ Business Groups</p>
	Roll out to be agreed with AGS IT Division	Q4 2022	An Garda Síochána	<p>Longford County Council</p> <p>Communities & Residents</p>
	This initiative requires collaborative support from the LCSP and/or other stakeholders to administer the Programme (recruit Champions, arrange meetings etc).	Q1 2023	An Garda Síochána	<p>Age Friendly Alliance;</p> <p>Longford County Council</p>

Objective 2

Support crime prevention initiatives across the county

Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators
<p>2.5 Night time economy development Partners are committed to supporting a sustainable and vibrant night-time economy. Over the period of this action plan we will exploring the pathway for Longford Town to developing a vibrant night-time economy, over the next five years through structured initiatives (Purple Flag or similar).</p>	<p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Risk Reduction</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of meetings held # of funding applications made How well did we do it? % increase in sense of safety Is anyone better off? Stories of Change</p>
<p>2.6 Additional CCTV Cameras Longford County Council is currently installing an additional 33 CCTV cameras in the county. Longford LCSP will link in with the CCTV oversight group to get regular updates, and based on our ongoing consultations with communities, we will give feedback for any emerging additional locations for cameras</p>	<p>Disruptive/Chain breaking</p> <p>Risk Reduction</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of new cameras installed #of new locations identified How well did we do it? % increase in sense of safety Increase in crime detection rates Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>
<p>2.7 Drugs Related Intimidation & Violence (DRIVE) Through the public consultation, it was identified that drugs related intimidation and violence is on the increase. An interagency and co-ordinated response to respond effectively to drug related intimidation and violence is required in County Longford.</p> <p>The Midlands Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force (MRDATF) will support the roll out of the DRIVE (Drug Related Intimidation & Violence Engagement) Framework (launched November 2021)</p> <p>MRDATF will roll out a DRI (Drug related Intimidation) training programme to community voluntary & statutory sectors</p> <p>MRDATF will raise awareness of DRIRP and other supports throughout local communities and signposting services to the DRIVE website www.driveproject.ie as focal point for resources</p>	<p>Disruptive/Chain breaking</p> <p>Risk Reduction</p>	<p>How much Did we do? # training session held # of individuals trained How well did we do it? % decrease in DRI incidents % increase in sense of safety Is anyone better off? Stories of Change</p>

	Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
	<p>This is an action that requires significant support and development for other stakeholders.</p> <p>Funding may be required to support any project or initiative.</p>	Q1 2023	<p>Longford County Council</p> <p>Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>Traders Associations</p> <p>Vintners Association</p> <p>Business Owners</p> <p>Local Enterprise Office</p>
	<p>Assessments and considerations (around Data Protection) are required before a new camera location can be commissioned</p>	Q3 & Q4 2022	<p>Longford County Council</p> <p>An Garda Síochána</p>	
	<p>A National Drive Lead Appointed May 2022, a Regional lead for the Midlands are will be appointed in Q3/Q4 2022</p> <p>DRI training programme will include a train the trainer programme to be developed by the DRIVE Lead</p>	Q4 2022	MRDATF	<p>An Garda Síochána</p> <p>HSE CADS,</p> <p>Drug & Alcohol Service Providers,</p> <p>Longford LCSP</p> <p>Family support Services, Community & Voluntary sectors</p>

Objective 2

Support crime prevention initiatives across the county

Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators
<p>2.8 Implementation of Local Initiatives – AGS Policing Plan</p> <p>Longford Division of AGS will deliver the agreed Policing Plan. The LCSP will be updated on progress on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of Ethnic Liaison Officers • Identification of Public Order Hotspots • Appointment of Domestic Violence Support Champions • Introduction of Meitheal process in Longford as means of crime prevention with young people, in conjunction with Tusla • Vulnerable Persons Conferences- AGS wishes to establish local bi-monthly conferences with key staff within the HSE(Public Health Nurses, Primary Care Social Workers, Tusla and LWETB (Youth Reach) Longford would allow these services to highlight gaps, make referrals, and improve communication and collaboration and ultimately provide better outcomes for vulnerable people in the community by identifying issues early. 	<p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Risk Reduction</p> <p>Communication /data sharing</p>	<p>How much did we do?</p> <p># of ELOs/DV Champions</p> <p>#reports made to LCSP</p> <p>#Meitheal/Conference events</p> <p>How well did we do it?</p> <p>#referrals made to other agencies</p> <p>Increase in awareness of DV risk factors</p> <p>Increase in awareness of around EM issues and barriers</p> <p>Is anyone better off?</p> <p>Stories of Change</p>

Objective 3

Work with Justice System Organisations in Longford to improve the communication, collaboration, and community trust

Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators
<p>3.1 Establish a communication pathway with the Courts system from the LCSP.</p> <p>Longford LCSP will act as a conduit to convey community safety issues relevant to the Court system arising from feedback and learnings from the Public/Community consultation and the work of the LCSP.</p> <p>The LCSP will seek to increase knowledge and understanding of the Courts system at local level.</p>	<p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Communication /data sharing</p>	<p>How much did we do?</p> <p># of meetings or interactions</p> <p>How well did we do it?</p> <p>Increased awareness of the LCSP and its activities among the Courts Service.</p> <p>Is anyone better off?</p> <p>Stories of Change</p>
<p>3.2 Establish a base for Probation Service & Community Service in Longford</p> <p>Longford County Council to give the Probation Service use of a property to use as a base of operations for the Community Service team.</p>	<p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p>	<p>How much did we do?</p> <p>Property assigned</p> <p>How well did we do it?</p> <p>Satisfaction rating from participants</p> <p>Is anyone better off?</p> <p>Stories of change</p>

	Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
	<p>Buy in and support is required from the HSE and Tusla for the Meitheal approach and Vulnerable Persons Conferences</p> <p>Appropriate training is required for personnel to be appointed to ELO and DV support Champion roles</p>	<p>Q3 2022- Q4 2022</p> <p>Follow in in the 2023 Policing Plan</p>	An Garda Síochána	<p>Longford LCSP</p> <p>Tusla</p> <p>HSE</p> <p>LWL</p>

	Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
	This could include meetings with the relevant President of the Court.	Q3 2022	Longford LCSP	<p>Dept. of Justice</p> <p>Courts Service</p>
	Longford County Council to identify a suitable location within Longford Town	Q3 2022	Longford County Council	The Probation Service

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Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators
<p>3.3 Improvement of profile and expansion of services/ initiatives provided by The Probation Service</p> <p>The Probation Service will work with the LCSP to improve its profile in Longford expand services and programmes and to identify additional projects that individuals engaged in Community Service can work on- It was also be examined if the following schemes can be expanded in Longford:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Return • Bail Supervision Scheme (Under 18s) <p>These activities will benefit the wider community as well supporting rehabilitation</p>	<p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of participants</p> <p>How well did we do it? #of new initiatives or partners in Longford.</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Stories of Change</p>
<p>3.4 Expansion of the Garda Youth Diversion Programme</p> <p>We will support the Foirige Youth Diversion Programme (LEAP) in its pilot Programme for 8-11 year olds, and advocate for additional resources to expand the YDP across all age groups.</p> <p>Partnership members will support youth diversion activities as appropriate. This includes multi-agency support for a ‘LEAP into Soccer Community Camp’ in summer 2022, to build referrals , and other similar initiatives as they arise.</p>	<p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of new referrals #total of participants</p> <p>How well did we do it? % increase of resources</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>
<p>3.5 Garda Youth Awards (Roscommon/Longford)</p> <p>Along with Longford County Council and An Garda Síochána, Longford LCSP will take a key role in arranging and supporting the Garda Youth Awards 2022, which is being held in Longford.</p> <p>Nominations can be made under the theme ‘Community Safety’ and we will build on the relationships and projects highlighted through this event.</p>	<p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p>	<p>How much did we do? #of attendees to awards %increase in awareness of the initiative</p> <p>How well did we do it? Is anyone better off</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>

	Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
	Linkages with community groups, and project owners need to be made across Longford to identify new opportunities for Community Service Participants to engage in	Q3 2022 and through 2023	Probation Service Longford LCSP	Longford County Council Community Groups LCRL
	The Programme would benefit from additional funding and staffing resources to enhance operational capacity. Referrals need to be supported from LCSP Organisations and other stakeholders	Q3 2022 and ongoing	Foroige Longford LCSP	An Garda Síochána Longford County Council Probation Service
	Nominations for the awards need to be made by schools, individuals, groups or agencies	Q4 2022	Longford County Council	An Garda Síochána Longford LCSP LEAP Project LCRL Youth Service Community Groups Schools



Priority Area 2

Build capacity and drive collaboration within the Longford Community Safety Partnership

Rationale

- The Community Safety Partnership is one of three national pilot areas for this initiative and was first convened in September 2021. While inter-agency and collaborative style work in common place, there is a need to provide training and support to all individual members of Longford LCSP so they feel confident and empowered to undertake the role.
- There is a need to establish data-sharing protocols between Partnership organisations, so the activities projects and initiatives developed are evidence based, in line with needs and avoid duplication.
- The LCSP exists within a myriad of Inter-agency groups on a national, regional and local basis. These include but are not limited to: the Longford/Westmeath Children & Young Peoples Services Committee (CYPSC), the Longford Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), the Urbact UrbSecurity Local Action Group and another pilot initiative in the Longford area- the SláinteCare Healthy Communities Network Longford. It is important that the LCSP beds in a way to with and alongside these other structures, as well as other agencies and organisations that may not be involved in inter-agency or Partnership structures but are key to delivering the collaborative and complementary actions and initiatives.
- Networking , sharing of best practice and of ideas is required between Longford LCSP and the other pilots LCSPs (Waterford City & County and Dublin North East Inner City), the Drogheda Implementation Board and also Policing and Community Safety Partnerships in Northern Ireland. We have established a support partnership with the Policing and Community Safety Partnership in Newry, Mourne and Down, and a Coordinators Network with the other pilot LCSPs in order to share good practice. We want to formalise and build on these links.

Objective 4

Development of a Training Programme for members of Longford LCSP to build capacity, knowledge base and skills to ensure members are comfortable with inter-agency collaboration

Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators
<p>4.1 LCSP Training Programme To develop capacity and confidence among members, the LCSP will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a training needs assessment • Create a training plan for new members • Create an ongoing training plan for the LCSP to build capacity and knowledge base 	<p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of courses or events How well did we do it? # of partners satisfied with the training and level of engagement. Is anyone better off? % members that feel better empowered to take part in LCSP</p>
<p>4.2 Executive Leadership Programme Sponsored by the Department of Justice, the LCSP will take part in the Executive Leadership Programme with the University of Limerick</p> <p>The overarching aim of the Executive Leadership Programme is to enhance the capacity of professionals working in, managing, funding, or supporting public purpose organisations, to better understand and tackle complex social problems in their area of work.</p>	<p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Communication / data sharing</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of participants #of issues reviewed How well did we do it? # of partners satisfied with the training # of actions emanating from work Is anyone better off? % members that feel better empowered to take part in LCSP Stories of change</p>



Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
<p>Competing work priorities could impact availability</p> <p>Funding for bespoke or specialised training</p>	Q3 2022	Community Safety Coordinator	<p>All LCSP members</p> <p>Dept. of Justice,</p> <p>Pilot Programme evaluators</p>
<p>Competing work priorities could impact availability</p> <p>Members of Partners Organisations other than those who are a formal member of LCSP may be best placed to take part.</p> <p>The Research Evidence into Policy, Programmes, and Practice (REPPP) team in UL will manage application process.</p>	Q3- Q4 2022	<p>University of Limerick</p> <p>LCSP</p>	<p>Dept. of Justice</p> <p>LCSP Partner Organisations</p>

Objective 5

Develop Data Sharing Protocols with Partnership organisations in order to ensure we have the relevant data and evidence-base to make well-informed decisions and effective plans

Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators
<p>5.1 Identify data requirements Undertake a data gap analysis, in order to identify the types and date required and the sources of same</p>	<p>Communication / data sharing</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of protocol agreements made # of protocol agreements made How well did we do it? # of data sets and information shared between Partners. Is anyone better off? Stories of change Professional assistance may be required to assist.</p>
<p>5.2 Data Sharing Protocols We will work with the Dept of Justice and Partnership Organisations to agree a data sharing protocol</p>	<p>Capacity/ Relationship Building Communication / data sharing</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of protocol agreements made How well did we do it? # of data sets and information shared between Partners Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>

Objective 6

Create a strong network of key co-ordinators and organisers of relevant local, regional, and national inter-agency groups to build better collaboration

Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators
<p>6.1 Create a network of key collaborators for Longford LCSP This action has a number of activities that are interlinked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of key structures and partnerships the LCSP should collaborate with, and ensuring there is relationship building and networking activity • Establishing a regular fora for Coordinators and organisers to share information on activities • Work with LCSPs in the other pilot areas and the Drogheda Implementation Board to share learning, best practice and collaborative ideas and projects • Continue to build a working relationship with the Policing & Community Safety Partnership in Newry Mourne & Down. 	<p>Capacity/ Relationship Building Communication / data sharing</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of other structures and partnerships engaged. How well did we do it? # of data sets and information shared between Partners. Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>
<p>6.2 All Island Community Safety Conference We will work with the other LCSPs/Drogheda Implementation Board and PCSP Newry Mourne Down to arrange a cross-border conference on Community Safety. This will be a forum to share ideas, good practice and projects around community safety, collaborative action, community policing engagement and provide networking opportunities across all bodies. It is intended to the establish a cross-border practitioner forum and all-island community safety partnership network.</p>	<p>Capacity/ Relationship Building Communication / data sharing</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of attendees #of Community Safety organisations taking part How well did we do it? Post-event feedback Establishment of networks Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>

	Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
	Partners Organisations need to share the types of data they collect and can share	Q3 & Q4 2022	Longford LCSP- Community Safety Coordinator	All LCSP members Dept. of Justice, Pilot Programme evaluators
	The data may not be currently collected or compiled as needed by the organisations. Ensuring compliance with GDPR. Getting agreement with the correct level of authority within the organisation.	Q3 & Q4 2022	Longford LCSP- Community Safety Coordinator	All LCSP members Dept. of Justice, Pilot Programme evaluators

	Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
	Capacity of people to engage due to busy workloads. Approval of funding application made under Community Safety Innovation.	ongoing	Longford LCSP- Community Safety Coordinator	LCDC (Longford County Council) CYPSC (Túsła) HSE (Sláinte Care) Waterford & Dublin NEIC LCSP Drogheda Implementation Board
	Funding is required to run the conference. Funding application made under Community Safety Innovation 2022	Q4 2022	Longford LCSP Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP	Waterford & Dublin NEIC LCSP Drogheda Implementation Board



Priority Area 3

Improve communication and sharing of information about services and supports

Rationale for inclusion

Notes

- The public consultation and going discussions between LCSP organisations and other key stakeholders has shown that there is fragmentation of communication and information sharing across service providers (Statutory and Community). There is a need to improve Inter service Communication. The 'Community Forum' model led by the Local Authority . set up in response COVID-19 (now being used to support Ukrainian Crisis response) if something that could be expanded on.
- Feedback shows that improvement and coordination of public facing communication-

mapping of services, pathways into services, community safety roadshows , information clinics and sharing of information thorough all media types is essential

- Promoting the LCSP and the Partners activities (Social media presence, roadshows, attending public events, sponsoring activities etc)
- Analysis of the public feedback shows that there is a very negative perception around public safety in Longford and the image of County Longford in general.
A lot of very positive initiatives are already happening in the County and this needs to be capitalised on.

Objective 7

Improve communication and information-sharing between service-providers and stakeholders

Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators
<p>7.1 Establishment of a Service Providers Network Forum Building on the work from action 6.1 and 6.2, establish a networking opportunity for statutory services and community based services and structures serving the Longford area, so information and ideas can be shared and that collaboration opportunities are identified.</p> <p>This could include a bi- annual meeting and/or use of an online tool or application.</p> <p>The 'Community Forum' model, set up during the COVID 19 response, and now supporting the Ukrainian crisis response is a good example of how this could work Communication/data sharing.</p>	<p>Communication / data sharing</p> <p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of meetings/engagements held</p> <p>How well did we do it? % increase awareness of services available % increase in satisfaction with services.</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Stories of Change</p>

Objective 8

Enhance information availability and roadmapping of services for the public in Longford

Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators
<p>8.1 Directory/Map of Services Longford LCSP will work with Sláinte Care Healthy Communities and Age Friendly Healthy Homes Programme to compile a directory and map of key community Safety & Wellbeing services in County Longford.</p> <p>A number of platforms will be considered for circulating this including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print • Online/IT Application • Local Media Supplement • Email 	<p>Communication / data sharing</p> <p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p>	<p>How much did we do? # people reached/engaged</p> <p>How well did we do it? % increase in perception of safety</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Stories of Change</p>



	Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
	<p>Competing work demands may mean people cannot attend.</p> <p>There are a number of existing inter-agency groups or task 7 finish groups- must ensure this adds value and does not overburden participants</p>	Q3 2022 and ongoing	<p>Longford LCSP</p> <p>Longford County Council</p>	<p>All LCSP stakeholders</p> <p>Statutory Agencies</p> <p>Community Service Providers/ NGOs</p>

	Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
	<p>A criteria for inclusion in directory should be agreed between the lead agencies</p> <p>Funding needs to be assigned to this project</p> <p>Consultancy services need to be procured to undertake this initiative</p>	Q4 2022	<p>Longford LCSP</p> <p>Slaintecare</p> <p>Healthy Communities</p> <p>Age Friendly Healthy Homes</p>	<p>Longford County Council</p> <p>All LCSP stakeholders</p>

Objective 8

Enhance informatpn availability and roadmapping of services for the public in Longford

Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators
<p>8.2 Community Safety Roadshow and Outreach Clinics Building on action 1.3 & 1.4, our LCSP partners will run outreach roadshows and clinics in rural areas, towns and targeted estates in urban areas. We will also attend relevant fairs and community events to share crime prevention information and specific topic information.</p> <p>A schedule of themed events and locations will be agreed with the LCSP members and Partners.</p>	<p>Communication / data sharing</p> <p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Risk reduction</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of events held #of people engaged</p> <p>How well did we do it? % increase in sense of safety % increase in awareness of services % increase in satisfaction with services</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Stories of Change</p>

Objective 9

Improve the perception of Longford as a safe and desirable place to work, live and play

Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators
<p>9.1 This is Longford promotional video/documentary The LCSP will seek funding to develop a positive promotion video/documentary to highlight the strength in diversity within Longford and highlight the excellent work already being undertaken by groups and communities in Longford as well as the initiatives and activities being undertaken and supported by the LCSP and its Partners.</p> <p>The purpose of this video will be to improve the perception of Longford as a safe place to live, work and grow up in.</p>	<p>Communication / data sharing</p> <p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of people interviewed #of projects documented</p> <p>How well did we do it? #of views % in sense of safety and pride in Longford</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>
<p>9.2 Marketing of County Longford as a safe and vibrant community Spearheaded by the Local Enterprise Office and Tourism Office ongoing marketing activities, relevant LCSP organisations will work to market and promote Longford County as a safe and vibrant location to live, work and play.</p> <p>Positive news stories, emanating from LCSP, Community and other stakeholders ongoing initiatives will be championed at local, regional and national level.</p>	<p>Communication / data sharing</p> <p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of information campaigns and/or engagements</p> <p>How well did we do it? % change in sense of safety in Longford % change in positivity ratings for Longford Town</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>

	Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
	<p>The securing of funding for the Community safety Roadshow exhibition unit is key to undertaking this.</p> <p>Without the exhibition unit, this action will have to be scaled back and reliant on suitable venue hire.</p>	<p>Q4 2022 (once unit is acquired) Throughout 2023</p>	<p>Longford LCSP Slaintecare Healthy Communities</p>	<p>Longford County Council All LCSP organisations County Longford PPN Civil Defence</p>

	Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
	<p>Progressing this action will be reliant on getting funding</p> <p>Funding being sought under the Community Safety Innovation Fund 2022, however other streams will be considered if this is not successful</p>	<p>Q4 2022 & Q1 2023 (funding dependent)</p>	<p>Longford LCSP Longford County Council</p>	<p>County Longford PPN Community Groups Family Resource Centres LWETB</p>
	<p>Changing deep seated views and perceptions will require sustained effort over a period of time.</p> <p>Local and regional media should be engaged to promote activities and projects</p>	<p>Q4 and ongoing</p>	<p>Longford Local Enterprise Officer Longford Tourism Longford Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>All LCSP organisations County Longford PPN Local Media</p>



Priority Area 4

Enhance integration and supports for minority groups, new communities, and disadvantaged communities

Rationale for inclusion:

- Longford has a higher than national average number of minority groups and new communities living in the County. We have a very culturally diverse and vibrant population across Longford which has positive impacts as well the more publicised negative impacts.
- Public feedback shows that there is a lack of cohesion between some communities in the County and a sense of fear from not understanding cultural difference. There is a demand for better sharing of information about different cultures and to engage in more integration initiatives, which is a very positive outcome.
- In particular, a number of issues in respect of the Traveller Community in Longford was raised, including lack of specific supports and services for this group and concerns around the impact of 'Family Feuds' on the Traveller Community as a whole as well as the wider community. The LCSP has identified the need to establish

a specific working group to develop initiatives to build relations with and supporting Traveller Community in order to address feuding, violence, discrimination and marginalisation.

- The Yellow Flag Programme, HSE/Traveller Healthcare project, a new traveller community project/traveller movement in Longford, training courses and employment supports, and traveller mediation services are all highlighted in the public consultation and identified as a priority for the LCSP to address
- There are a number of other minority groups, new community groups and marginalised groups that need to be further engaged with by the LCSP to ensure their community safety concerns are addressed by actions within this plan, or by the creation of new actions over to lifetime of this plan
- Initiatives around culture days, integration events, sports activities, integration and diversity supports are requested in the Public consultation and these are supported by the LCSP.

Objective 10

Develop a coordinated and targeted programme of response and support for the Traveller Community in Longford

Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators
<p>10.1 Establishment of Traveller Engagement Working Group</p> <p>The LCSP will establish a multi stakeholder group focused on developing trust, working relationships and advocating for additional services for the Traveller Community in Longford. This group will report on its work, recommendations, and actions to the LCSP. The group should be informed by the Final Report of the Joint Committee on Key Issues Affecting the Traveller Community (November 2021), as well as local issues raised.</p>	<p>Communication / data sharing</p> <p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Risk reduction</p>	<p>How much did we do? #number of meetings held</p> <p>How well did we do it? # of new initiatives % increase of resources</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Increase in trust between Traveller Community and LCSP Partners and agencies.</p>
<p>10.2 Implement targeted initiatives to improve mutual trust, cooperation and collaboration with the Traveller Community in consultation with LCSP organisations , other stakeholders and the Traveller Community we will seek to design targeted interventions which may include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted training/employment supports • Community development projects • Sporting activities • Cultural and creative activities 	<p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Disruptive / chain-breaking</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of new initiatives #of people engaged</p> <p>How well did we do it? % increase in trust % increase in satisfaction with services</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>



Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
<p>The group should be Traveller-led and informed – it is important to have representation on the working group.</p> <p>Note: This group will not seek to duplicate the work of the Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee, but we will aim to liaise with and share learnings and feedback where appropriate.</p>	Q4 2022	<p>Longford LCSP</p> <p>LCRL/HSE Traveller Healthcare Project</p> <p>An Garda Síochána</p>	All relevant LCSP members
<p>Commitment to the action and consistent coordination of activities from relevant service providers is required</p> <p>It may take time to build trust and working relationships with the target group.</p>	Q4 2022	<p>Longford LCSP</p> <p>LCRL/HSE Traveller Healthcare Project</p> <p>An Garda Síochána</p>	<p>All relevant LCSP members</p> <p>LWETB</p> <p>Longford Arts Office</p>

Objective 10

Develop a coordinated and targeted programme of response and support for the Traveller Community in Longford

Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators
<p>10.3 To support an increased use of the Traveller Mediation Service in Longford</p> <p>Working through the Interagency group and in collaboration with the traveller Community and An Garda Síochána, we will support the use of the Traveller Mediation Service (TMS). The TMS works to assist clients and stakeholders to find ways to prevent, manage, and transform conflicts peacefully and effectively.</p>	<p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Disruptive / chain-breaking</p>	<p>How Much did we do? # of meetings held</p> <p>How well did we do it %increase in trust reduction in number of issues/feuds</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Stories of Change</p>

Objective 11

Support collaborative actions and initiatives aimed at promoting diversity and inclusion

Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators
<p>11.1 Sporting Opportunities for young people</p> <p>The Longford Sports Partnership, supported by LCSP (via the Community Safety Innovation Fund) will deliver three sporting programmes to up to 100 young people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 week introduction to sport (aimed 8-16 year olds in the traveller community); • 12 week introduction to sport (aimed at 8-16 year olds in new communities); and • 12 month boxing programme (aimed at 8-16 year olds living in marginalised areas). <p>These programmes will include pathways into local clubs for participants, supported by membership fee bursaries for the first year.</p>	<p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Rick reduction</p> <p>Disruptive / chain-breaking</p>	<p>How much did we do? #of programmes run #of young people engaged</p> <p>How well did we do it? # of young people progressing to clubs Satisfaction rating of course</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Stories of success</p>
<p>11.2 Delivery of the Roma Community Development Programme</p> <p>LCRL will support the Roma Community in Longford through the delivery of the Roma CDP. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach and 1-1 engagement with Roma families. Support in accessing basic services (social welfare, housing, employment, health, etc.) and in liaising with other agencies. • Consultation with various groupings of the community – young people; women. etc. • Engagement events. • Establishment/support of specific groups – e.g. parent & toddler group; women’s group. • Training/capacity building. • Reporting on/challenging racism and discrimination. <p>LCRL will act as a conduit for information and support between the LCSP and the Roma Community.</p>	<p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Disruptive / chain-breaking</p>	<p>How much did we do? #of programmes/activities run #of people engaged</p> <p>How well did we do it? Own KPIs for Programme as overseen by LCDC/Dept Rural & Community Development.</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>

	Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
	Buy-in from the An Garda Síochána, members of the Traveller Community and other stakeholders is required Consistent use of this method is required to ensure sustainable change	Q3 2022 and ongoing	LCRL/HSE Traveller Healthcare Project An Garda Síochána Traveller Mediation Service	Longford LCSP Community members Probation Service

	Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
	Funding for these three programmes is being sought by the LCSP through the Community Safety Innovation Fund 2022. This Programme cannot proceed without funding .	Q3 2022 to Q2 2023	Longford Sports Partnership Longford LCSP	County Longford Youth Services LEAP Garda Youth Diversion Programme An Garda Síochána HSE Traveller Healthcare Project
	A number of challenges exist that can be supported by other LCSP organisations as appropriate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language barriers. • Lack of knowledge of Roma culture by service providers. • Lack of trust between the Roma Community and the wider Longford community • Dealing with hierarchy of needs. Basic needs first. • The closure of Citizen's Information in Longford is a major barrier for groups such as Roma and other disadvantaged communities who really need face-to-face contact. 	Ongoing	Longford Community Resources Clg (LCRL)	All LCSP Organisations Dept. of Rural & Community Development Pavee Point Longford LCDC

Objective 11

Support collaborative actions and initiatives aimed at promoting diversity and inclusion

Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators	
<p>11.3 Support the Longford Intercultural Forum and delivery of the Intercultural Strategic Plan Longford LCSP will support and collaborate with the Longford Intercultural Forum and Longford County Council in delivering actions from the Intercultural Strategic Plan. This may include :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting and animating local intercultural events and projects Supporting and capacity building for minority groups and new communities , along with our Partners 	<p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of engagements # of people engaged # of activities supported How well did we do it? % change in sense of safety % change in sense of inclusion Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>	
<p>11.4 Diversity and Inclusion Training and Public Sector Duty to Equality & Human Rights Seek support for the implementation of diversity and inclusion training such as ‘Yellow Flag’ for schools, community groups and service providers. Longford LCSP will support a school in Longford to undertake the Yellow Flag Programme (delivered by the Irish Traveller Movement). Where possible, LCSP organisations should champion Diversity and Inclusion training within their own organisations In accordance with Section 42 of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Act 2014, Longford LCSP will create an agreed Statement on same. Longford LCSP will encourage all partner organisations to consider this action.</p>	<p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Risk reduction</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of training events undertaken #of people engaged # of EHR statements completed How well did we do it? % change in awareness of equality & human rights issues % change in awareness of diversion & inclusion issues % change in sense of inclusion Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>	
<p>11.5 Develop relationships with individuals and groups representing other diversity/ inclusion areas Longford LCSP commits to engaging with and co-designing safety and wellbeing interventions with Groups representing other minority /inclusion and diversity groups that have not already been named in this plan. There are a number of target groups that Longford LCSP wish to further engage over the course of this Plan, in order to build relationships, trust and awareness of specific challenges issues they face and to co-design actions to support safety and wellbeing. These include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LGBTBQI + groups Deaf Community groups Disability Groups Cultural or Ethnic Minority groups 	<p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p>	<p>How much did we do? # meetings held #of people engaged # of interventions designed How well did we do it? % change in awareness of groups % change in awareness of diversion & inclusion issues % change in sense of inclusion Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>	

	Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
	The Intercultural Strategic Plan is due for renewal in 2022/2023, a national migrant integration strategy is also due which will inform this.	Ongoing	Longford Intercultural Forum Longford County Council	Longford LCSP Community Groups County Longford PPN
	Buy-in from various stakeholders and agencies to engage in training, due to conflicting work priorities. Approval from senior managers, not associated with the LCSP may be required, this will take additional engagement. Schools are required to apply directly to the organisers to take part in Yellow Flag Programme- sponsorship of €3,000 required per school.	Q3 2022 and ongoing	Longford LCSP	Yellow Flag Programme- Irish Traveller Movement Longford County Council Primary & Post Primary Schools
	While some issues and challenges were raised in the public consultation from such groups, no actions or interventions specific to these were developed to date. Further engagement is a priority for the LCSP The LCSP is conscious that there are a number of individuals or groups that were not able to engage with our public consultation, for a variety of reasons We acknowledge there may be gaps within this plan to address safety & wellbeing concerns for these cohorts.	Q3 2022 and ongoing	Longford LCSP	County Longford PPN Community Groups and individuals



Priority Area 5

Build a model of community and agency collaboration and response in targeted geographic areas in Longford.

Rationale for inclusion:

- This priority area is about services working together more collaboratively in a practical way, to deliver targeted responses to areas of concern- this will then serve as a model for collaboration for issues in other areas, and more complex issues.
- Ardnacassa is an area that has been consistently identified as an area that needs focused, and targeted integrated supports. A Joint Action Group between An Garda Síochána and Longford County Council existed in this area in 2018/2019 and had started to make progress, however COVID-19 halted activity. It is intended to build on this previous work, along with input from the locals to build this as a model of good practice, acknowledging that people make communities and communities make place
- Public consultation and feedback from key stakeholders has identified the need for additional Family Resource Centres in Longford and Edgeworthstown, in particular but also for extra resources for existing Centres, as a priority.
- The Community Safety Roadshow- targeted roadshow events such as road safety, drugs and alcohol awareness, Slainte care healthy Communities, Local Authority, Climate Change, Crime Prevention etc. will help services get to harder to reach communities (geographic and specific target groups). The lack of meeting spaces in some geographic areas, and barriers to inclusion such as lack of access to transport, childcare etc have also been highlighted as reasons for services to focus on outreach opportunities.

Objective 12

Develop a multi-agency approach to address challenges and support development of a sustainable community

Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators
<p>12.1 Reconvene and expand the 'Joint Action Group' model in Ardnacassa, Longford.</p> <p>The LCSP will work with key stakeholders Longford County Council and An Garda Síochána to reconvene the Joint Action Group for Ardnacassa. This working group will lead activity including ongoing consultation with residents and stakeholders and directing the development of targeted responses.</p> <p>This Joint Action Group will report to the Local Community Safety Partnership, and will be co-chaired by the Chief Executive of Longford County Council and Superintendent, Longford Division, An Garda Síochána.</p> <p>This model will be reviewed throughout 2022 & 2023, and if appropriate, it may be considered to expand the Joint Action Group structure to other identified areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Street Longford • Gleann Riada (Longford Town) • Edgeworthstown 	<p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Disruptive / chain-breaking</p>	<p>How much did we do? #of agencies involved # of residents engaged</p> <p>How well did we do it? % increase of sense of safety and security</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>
<p>12.2 Provision of space for a Community Hub</p> <p>Longford County Council will allow use of a property for community purposes in the Ardnacassa area.</p> <p>This Community Hub will be used as a base for community development activity.</p> <p>Longford LCSP will seek funding from Community Safety Innovation Fund 2022 to buy equipment to bring the space into use.</p>	<p>Risk reduction</p>	<p>How much did we do? Securing of property</p> <p>How well did we do it? #of residents engaged in activities % increase in sense of safety and security</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>



in the Ardnacassa area, Longford Town

	Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
	Buy-in and trust from residents will take time. Sustained commitment from the relevant stakeholders, and the relevant level of authority, is required. Community and local residents engagement and voice in the group is essential.	Q3 2022 and ongoing	An Garda Síochána Longford County Council LCSP LCRL;	Longford Womens Link; Residents of Ardnacassa; LCRL/ HSE Traveller Healthcare Project; Foroige LEAP YDP
	Ensuring the house is visible within the community Trust needs to be established with neighbours Funding from CSIF 2022 needs to be secured to purchase equipment	Q3 2022 ongoing	Longford County Council LCSP	LCRL; LWL, Residents of Ardnacassa

Objective 12

Develop a multi-agency approach to address challenges and support development of a sustainable community in the Ardnacassa area, Longford Town

Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators
<p>12.3 Development of a Work Programme and activities to support the development of a vibrant and integrated community</p> <p>This action will focus on the scheduling of activities and events within the community hub designed to build trust and relationships, build capacity of the locals to engage and to support families and individuals, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach from SICAP Programme • Meeting space for local groups such as Traveller women, Parent & Toddlers • Activities with Longford Sports Partnership • Community education courses with LWETB • Outreach from AGS Community Policing • Youth Services activities • Longford Womens link 	<p>Capacity / Relationship Building</p> <p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Disruptive / chain-breaking</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of residents engaged in activities #of services using the hub</p> <p>How well did we do it? % increase of resources % increase in sense of inclusion and integration from individuals Increase in sense of community</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>

Objective 13

Advocate for the resources and supports to develop additional Family Resource Centres in Longford

Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators
<p>13.1 Advocate for additional resources for Family Resource Centres in Longford</p> <p>The importance of the services provided by the 2 Tusla funded Family Resource Centres: Bridgeways FRC (Ballymahon) and Lus na Greine FRC (Granard) are recognised by the LCSP. It is also acknowledged that each Centre would benefit from additional resources so they can adequately meet demand. Longford LCSP will advocate for additional funding for each centre. The extensive public consultation undertaken to prepare this action plan shows a large demand for a Family Resource Centre (or similar) in Longford Town and Edgeworthstown. Available socio-economic data supports this need.</p> <p>Longford LCSP will work with communities in Longford Town and Edgeworthstown to advocate for core funding for the establishment of a Family Resource Centre in these areas.</p>	<p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Capacity / Relationship Building</p>	<p>How much did we do? representations made</p> <p>How well did we do it? % increase of resources Is anyone better off?</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>

	Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
	Commitment required from Partners Sustainable schedule of activities required Activities should be developed in consultation with residents	Q3 2022 and ongoing	Longford LCSP- Community Safety Coordinator and all partner organisations Longford County Council	LCRL; Longford Womens Link; Residents of Ardnacassa; LCRL/HSE Traveller Healthcare Project; LEAP YDP; Longford Sports Partnership LWETB

	Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
	Existing FRCs in Longford require additional funding/resources to sustain the activities already engaged in. Designation of new FRCs requires application to Tusla, the opportunity to apply is not regular	Q3 2022 and ongoing (for advocacy)	Longford LCSP FRC's in Ballymahon and Granard	Tusla The Attic House Youth Project Edgeworthtown Area District Development Community Groups and residents



Priority Area 6

Lead collaborative community safety and community development initiatives across County Longford

Rationale for inclusion:

- Lack of awareness of Drug and Alcohol supports, and need to deal with Drug related intimidation and violence was identified in the Public Consultation.
- Mental health- positive mental health initiatives, support in accessing services, lack of youth mental health supports and the need for Support for AGS re mental health calls/incidents identified in the Public Consultation.
- Various initiatives already in place from the LCSP organisations, as well of opportunities for future collaboration needs to be identified in the Programme of work for the LCSP.
- Specific initiatives focusing on victims of crime and accountability of perpetrators in relation to violence against women and children and specific education actions to support an understanding of the justice system and access to same has been identified as a need.

Objective 14

Improvement of public spaces and infrastructure and to develop a better sense of 'place'

Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators	
<p>14.1 Implementation of the Urb Security Integrated Plan for Longford Town</p> <p>Longford URBACT Urb Security Local Action Group will pursue the implementation of its Integrated Plan for Longford Town. This was developed as part of a European Project to aiming to improve the urban security of Longford.</p> <p>There is some overlap in objectives and actions in this Community Safety Plan and the Urb Security Integrated Action Plan. Both Groups agree to collaborate on actions as appropriate and to mutually support each others endeavours.</p> <p>Regular updates on progress will issue between both structures.</p>	<p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Disruptive / chain-breaking</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of actions implemented # of collaborations</p> <p>How well did we do it? % increase in sense of safety % change in crime & crime detection</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>	
<p>14.2 To develop cooperative approaches to tackling littering and illegal dumping</p> <p>Longford County Council Environment and enforcement teams will collaborate with LCSP and its partner organisations in engaging the public around anti-litter and anti dumping initiatives, education and awareness.</p> <p>This will include engaging with the LCSP Community Safety Roadshows and Outreach events.</p> <p>The Community Warden (Longford County Council) will be a key collaborator with the LCSP</p>	<p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Disruptive / chain-breaking</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of detections # of enforcements # of engagement events</p> <p>How well did we do it? Increased awareness of initiatives Decrease in incidents of dumping/littering</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>	
<p>14.3 Delivery of Regeneration & Public Realm Safety Projects</p> <p>Longford County Council Regeneration Team commits to delivering planned Regeneration Projects, Public Realm improvements. This include projects funded under Urban & Rural Regeneration funds, Town & Village Renewal, Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure, public lighting upgrades.</p> <p>Longford LCSP will receive regular updates on progress and will act as a conduit for public and community feedback and input on any new proposals</p>	<p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p>	<p>How much did we do? #of projects designed # of projects commenced # of projects completed</p> <p>How well did we do it? Increase in sense of safety Value of funding/grant aid secured</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>	



Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
<p>There is some overlap in objectives and actions, and each structures has specific reporting requirements for its Sponsoring Body. Ongoing communication and collaboration is required to avoid duplication of effort and to maximise available resources</p>	<p>Q3 2022 and ongoing</p>	<p>URBACT UrbSecurity group and all relevant Stakeholders Longford County Council Regeneration Team</p>	<p>Longford LCSP An Garda Síochána Local Residents Community Groups</p>
<p>Collaborative operations between AGS, the Local Authority and other stakeholders to discourage or prevent illegal dumping will be promoted</p>	<p>Q3 2022 and ongoing</p>	<p>Longford County Council Longford LCSP</p>	<p>Community Groups Residents Associations Local Businesses An Garda Síochána</p>
<p>Delays to existing projects due to COVID and Brexit has had a knock on impact on project delivery. Inflation rates could impact the gap between funding awarded vs final project costs.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Longford County Council</p>	<p>Longford LCSP and partner organisations</p>

Objective 14

Improvement of public spaces and infrastructure and to develop a better sense of 'place'

Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators	
<p>14.4 Safe Spaces to Play</p> <p>Longford County Council commits to reviewing availability of safe spaces to play and for amenity/recreation. Where appropriate, funding will be sought for creation of new amenity spaces.</p> <p>Areas to be reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playgrounds • Safe Spaces within Longford Town • Potential location/funding for a skatepark • Safety features in the vicinity of amenity areas such as CCTV, parking, speed ramps <p>Longford LCSP will act as a conduit for feedback from the public</p>	<p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p>	<p>How much did we do?</p> <p>#funding applications made # of upgrade projects commenced #new amenity areas</p> <p>How well did we do it?</p> <p>% change in sense of safety % change in safety incidents</p> <p>Is anyone better off?</p> <p>Stories of change</p>	
<p>14.5 Active Travel Projects</p> <p>Longford County Council is designing a programme of active travel projects for County Longford. These projects aim to increase the instances of travelling with a purpose using your own energy.. Generally this means walking (including all users of footpaths) or cycling as part of a purposeful journey. So, walking as part of a commute to work, cycling to the shop or scooting to school are all considered active travel, whereas walking or cycling for purely leisure purposes is not. Longford LCSP will consult with the Active Travel Team to ensure appropriate community safety considerations are observed, and Longford LCSP will act as a conduit for feedback from the public</p>	<p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Risk reduction</p>	<p>How much did we do?</p> <p>#funding applications made # of upgrade projects commenced #new amenity areas</p> <p>How well did we do it?</p> <p>% change in sense of safety % change in safety incidents</p> <p>Is anyone better off?</p> <p>Stories of change</p>	

	Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
	Funding for upgrade and new projects is not guaranteed. Local Communities and residents should be consulted to identify needs. New projects are subject to relevant planning approval.	Q3 2022 and ongoing	Longford County Council	Residents Community Groups Longford LCSP & partners organisations
	Funding to deliver projects Potential delays in delivery due to constraints around Brexit and cascading delays attributed to COVID.	Q2 2022 & ongoing	Longford County Council	Longford LCSP TII

Objective 15

Delivering of targeted community safety initiatives by LCSP stakeholders

Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators
<p>15.1 Promotion of Road Safety initiatives Longford LCSP organisations will support and promote Road Safety Initiatives from An Garda Síochána, the RSA and Local Authority.</p> <p>Innovative projects such as ‘Kids Court’ (as run by Newry Mourne & Down PCSP) will be considered.</p> <p>Speeding- Longford LCSP will advocate for a review of speed ramp policy</p>	<p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Communication / data-sharing</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of engagements # of joint operations How well did we do it? % change in road safety incidents % change in sense of safety Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>
<p>15.2 Community First Responders/First aid training for communities The National Ambulance Community Engagement team will work with the LCSP and Civil Defence to deliver first aid and defibrillator training to communities across Longford.</p> <p>The LCSP will encourage the establishment of formal Community First Responder Groups, which will register with the NAS</p>	<p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of training course # of participants How well did we do it? # of formal CFR groups established Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>
<p>15.3 Drug & Alcohol Prevention & Treatment Services Services MRDATF will continue to support the provision of drug and alcohol prevention & treatment support services to those under and over 18 years and families in County Longford & regionally.</p> <p>Through its own stakeholders and Longford LCSP, MRDATF will continue to promote the range of drug and alcohol prevention and treatment support services available in County Longford & regionally</p> <p>Training MRDATF will roll out drug and alcohol specific/related training programmes in line with best practice based on an evidence based need to the community, voluntary & statutory sectors.</p> <p>Updates on activities will be provided by MRDATF to the Longford LCSP , and Longford LCSP will act as a conduit for sharing feedback from public engagements</p>	<p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Communication / data sharing</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of training course # of participants How well did we do it? % change in service users %change in views towards drug & alcohol Own programme KPIs Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>
<p>15.4 Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) LCRL will continue to deliver the SICAP Programme , in consultation with Longford LCDC. Activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach – on disadvantaged estates (Ardnacassa/Palace Crescent; Mc Eoin Park; St. Michael’s Road; Gleann Riada; Abhainn Glás; etc. • Support for disadvantaged local community groups in addressing issues facing them, organising community events, etc. • Support for issue based disadvantaged groups. • 1-1 support for disadvantaged individuals in accessing basic services, life-long learning, employment opportunities, referral to appropriate services, etc. • Training/capacity building 	<p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Disruptive / chain-breaking</p>	<p>How much did we do? #of participants engaged # of groups engaged #of activities How well did we do it? % change in sense of safety % change in quality of life Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>

Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
Further information and support from NMD PCSP would be required before introducing 'Kids Court' initiative	Q3 2022 and ongoing	An Garda Síochána Road Safety Officer (LCC)	Road Safety Authority LCSP and partner organisations Schools Communities
Training and certificates will be provided by NAS free of charge, but venues and refreshments would have to be provided in conjunction with LCSP partners. The LCSP will have to support the administration of any training workshops	Q3 2022	National Ambulance Service- Community Engagement Team Longford LCSP	Longford County Council Communities and residents All Partnership organisations
Signposting of services and awareness raising of supports available are required, as there is a perception that there are no services available in Longford	Ongoing	MRDATF	HSE CADS Local Drugs & Alcohol Forum Longford LCSP County Longford PPN Sláintecare Health Communities Programme
Some estates have no community space – e.g. Gleann Riada. (Longford) , Edgeworthstown Need for more interagency approaches. The closure of Citizen's Information is a significant barrier for disadvantaged communities in Longford. Disadvantaged people really require face-to-face contact.	Ongoing	LCRL and all related Programmes	Longford LCDC Longford County Council An Garda Síochána Various service providers County Longford PPN

Objective 15

Delivering of targeted community safety initiatives by LCSP stakeholders

Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators
<p>15.5 Domestic Violence Awareness: Certificate in Reflecting on and Responding to Domestic Abuse and Coercive Control.</p> <p>Longford Womens Link, supported by Longford/ Westmeath Domestic Violence Local Area Network (DV LAN) will lead the delivery of specialist training programme to first responders including An Garda Síochána, Tusla, County Council Staff, Community Workers. This will allow front line staff to work with victim’s trauma, making visible the modus operandi and profile of the perpetrators. This training will also support all first responders identify gaps in their own system’s operation which empower the abuser and prevent victims from maximising their safety.</p> <p>The course has been specially designed with the Technological University of the Shannon and Haven Horizons to FETAC Level 6 and is the first of its kind in the country.</p>	<p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Disruptive / chain-breaking</p> <p>Communication / data sharing</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of participants # of agencies engaged</p> <p>How well did we do it? % change in awareness % change in crime detection % change in quality of life</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>
<p>15.6 Support services for Women</p> <p>Longford Womens Link (LWL) will continue to deliver important services and resources for women & families in Longford, including:</p> <p>Specific education actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with survivors of crime in Longford to understand the operation of Statutory and NGO systems locally managing expectations to prevent further trauma. • Training and awareness rising for all professionals on working with survivors of violence/ crime and the different approaches needed when the perpetrator is an intimate partner or is known to the survivor as opposed to one off crime. This is particularly needed in the mental health and psychotherapy sectors. • Rights-based education programme on the justice system, access, limitations of the legal system etc. <p>Awareness raising campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The impact of violence against women and children on an interagency countywide basis <p>Other Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counselling • Domestic Violence supports & advocacy • Childcare • Employment & education supports & mediation • Empowering women <p>Longford LCSP will liaise with LWL on an ongoing basis to identify areas for collaboration.</p>	<p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Disruptive / chain-breaking</p> <p>Communication / data sharing</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of participants (training) # of people/families supported # of agencies engaged and supporting activities</p> <p>How well did we do it? % change in awareness % change in crime detection % change in quality of life</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>

	Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
	<p>Representatives from key front lines services & agencies should attend training.</p> <p>Buy-in and support from senior managers in relevant services & Partnership organisations is required.</p> <p>Funding is required to support LWL in driving this initiative</p>	Q1 2023	<p>Longford Womens Link</p> <p>Domestic Violence Local Area Network</p> <p>Tusla</p>	<p>LCSP organisations</p> <p>An Garda Síochána</p> <p>Technological University of the Shannon</p>
	<p>Further interagency approaches are required to support victims of crime</p>	Q3 2022 and ongoing	<p>Longford Women's Link</p> <p>Domestic Violence Local Area Network</p>	<p>LCSP organisations</p> <p>An Garda Síochána</p> <p>TUSLA</p>

Objective 15

Delivering of targeted community safety initiatives by LCSP stakeholders

Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators	
<p>15.7 HSE Delivery of Sláintecare initiatives</p> <p>The HSE Health Promotion & Improvement (CHO8 Midlands Louth Meath) unit are delivering Sláintecare Healthy Communities programmes in Longford through a series of grant-aided partner agencies. These programmes and agencies include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triple P Parenting (Lus na Greine FRC), • Social Prescribing (LCRL), • ‘Health Food Made Easy’ and ‘We Can Quit’ smoking cessation (EDI Centre). <p>The HSE HP&I also run 1:1 smoking cessation clinics in Longford Health Centre, Granard Health Centre, Lus na Greine FRC and Bridgeways FRC; these clinics also provide free Nicotine Replacement Therapy</p> <p>Sláintecare Healthy Communities is a targeted approach to health. It aims to address health inequalities experienced in disadvantaged areas across Ireland. Areas are based on having the greatest level of disadvantage combined with highest proportion of young families and aligned to existing SICAP areas. Longford Urban 1&2 and Longford Rural (Caldragh, Cloodara & Cloonee) are the target areas in Longford</p>	<p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Disruptive / chain-breaking</p> <p>Communication / data sharing</p>	<p>How much did we do?</p> <p>#of courses run # of participants # of social prescribing clients</p> <p>How well did we do it?</p> <p>% increase in awareness of programmes % increase in sense of wellbeing</p> <p>Is anyone better off?</p> <p>Stories of change</p>	
<p>15.8 Local Authority delivery of Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme</p> <p>The social determinants of health are in line with Risk/Protective factors identified as impacting Community Safety.</p> <p>The Slaintecare Healthy Communities Local Development Officer will work closely with Longford LCSP and local communities in the target area, to design targeted responses to local issues the increase barriers to services and impact the social determinants of health.</p> <p>Formal & informal links between both initiatives will be fostered, and where possible, collaborative actions and project will be prioritised</p>	<p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Disruptive / chain-breaking</p> <p>Communication / data sharing</p>	<p>How much did we do?</p> <p>#of courses run # of people engage # collaborative initiatives implemented</p> <p>How well did we do it?</p> <p>% increase in awareness of programmes % increase in sense of wellbeing</p> <p>Is anyone better off?</p> <p>Stories of change</p>	

Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
<p>Achieving engagement/uptake in health-related programmes is always a challenge; however, this is addressed by supporting the partner agencies via the establishment of Local Advisory Groups and referral pathways from HSE services.</p>	<p>2022- On-going</p>	<p>HSE Health Promotion & Improvement. Lus na Greine FRC. LCRL. EDI Centre</p>	<p>Longford County Council. Department of Health. HSE Primary Care. HSE Mental Health Services. HSE Acute Services.</p>
<p>The Local Development Officer and the Community Safety Coordinator are both employees of the Local Authority and will act as champions for collaboration across the LCSP, the LCDC and all respective stakeholders. Where appropriate, they will have input into each others meetings and planning sessions</p>	<p>Q3 2022 and ongoing</p>	<p>Sláintecare Healthy Communities Local Development Officer Community Safety Coordinator</p>	<p>Longford LCDC Longford LCSP Longford County Council All stakeholder organisations Local community groups and residents</p>

Objective 15

Delivering of targeted community safety initiatives by LCSP stakeholders

Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators
<p>15.9 Mental Health support training for communities</p> <p>HSE Mental Health Division will consider the delivery of Mental Health First Aid training courses in Longford. Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) courses are a suite of internationally acclaimed and evidence-based training programs that empower and equip individuals with the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to support a friend, family member or co-worker experiencing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis such as being suicidal or having a panic attack.</p> <p>‘Minding your Wellbeing’ courses- self-care supports for first responders will also be delivered to Partnership organisations and other stakeholders.</p> <p>Information on how to access relevant services will be shared.</p>	<p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Disruptive / chain-breaking</p>	<p>How much did we do? #of courses run # of participants</p> <p>How well did we do it? % increase in awareness of programmes % increase in sense of wellbeing</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>
<p>15.10 HSE – Resource Office for Suicide Prevention</p> <p>Longford LCSP will support the delivery of and raise awareness of the Connecting for Life Strategy through its activities. The aim of Connecting for Life – Ireland’s National Strategy for the Prevention of Suicide is to enhance the capacity of individuals and communities to support themselves and others with regard to the promotion of mental health and the prevention of suicide vulnerability.</p> <p>The HSE Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention will offer regular self-harm, suicide intervention/prevention and bereavement support programmes in Longford. LivingWorks START is an online 90mins programme available to anyone who wants to develop the skills to assist someone who may be at risk of suicide.</p> <p>safeTALK is a 3hr interactive face to face programme that trains participants to be a suicide-alert helper</p>	<p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Disruptive / chain-breaking</p>	<p>How much did we do? #of courses run # of participants</p> <p>How well did we do it? % increase in awareness of programmes % increase in sense of wellbeing</p> <p>Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>

	Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
	The scope of any initiative is dependent on funding available. Additional funding and support may be required from LCSP partners	Q4 2022 and ongoing	HSE Health Promotion & Improvement.	HSE Primary Care. HSE Mental Health Services. HSE Acute Services Relevant frontline organisations Interested community groups/individuals
	Participants are supported to enhance their alertness and assisting skills. Knowledge of relevant and appropriate services available locally and nationally will be obtained, which will help with awareness on accessing services	2022 – ongoing	HSE Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention.	Organisations and community groups who request organise/be involved with hosting any of the training programmes, i.e. Sports Clubs, workplaces, etc.

Objective 16

Support the development of initiatives and facilities aimed at children and young people

Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators
<p>16.1 Promotion of Music Generation initiative Longford Westmeath ETB are funding the delivery of the Music Generation youth programme across Longford. Longford LCSP and its members will raise awareness the Music Generation Programme in Longford and support young people to engage in activities, particularly those from marginalised backgrounds.</p>	<p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Disruptive / chain-breaking</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of participants # of courses How well did we do it? % change in sense of wellbeing Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>
<p>16.2 Community Art project for young people Longford LCSP will seek a partner to develop a community based Art Project aimed at engaging young people and promoting community safety and the strength in diversity of County Longford.</p> <p>Concepts such as ‘Waterford Walls’ or ‘Monaghan Murals’, or other similar initiatives will be considered.</p>	<p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Disruptive / chain-breaking</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of participants # of art pieces # of workshops How well did we do it? % change in sense of wellbeing in an area Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>
<p>16.3 Support for Children & Youth Services and activities Longford LCSP will promote and support children & youth services in County Longford. The LCSP will engage and collaborate with the Children & Young Peoples Service Committee (CYPSC) and the Longford County Childcare Committee (LCCC) as appropriate. The LCSP commits to promoting all services and making referrals as appropriate as well as advocating for additional resources for existing and new youth projects/initiatives groups. The services include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCRL/County Longford Youth Service • The Attic Youth Project • Foroige Youth Groups • Bridgeways family Resource Centre youth groups • Lus na Greine Family Resource Centre youth groups • Foroige LEAP Garda Youth Diversion Programme • Parent & Toddler groups • Longford Sports Partnership (LSP) 	<p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Communication / data sharing</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of meetings attended # of collaborative actions # of young people supported How well did we do it? % change in resources % change in awareness Quality of working relationships Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>
<p>16.4 Positive Mental Health Event for Young People In conjunction with our U25 Youth Representative and the Healthy Communities Programme, Longford LCSP will arrange at least 1 Positive Mental Health Event for targeted age groups (11-14 year olds, 15-18 year olds) to be hosted centrally in the county.</p> <p>This will be a collaborative event with our Children & Young Peoples services named at 16.3.</p>	<p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Disruptive / chain-breaking</p> <p>Communication / data sharing</p>	<p>How much did we do? # of attendees # of services engaged # of young people supported How well did we do it? % change in resources % change in awareness % change in sense of wellbeing Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>

	Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
	Locations for additional events may need to be identified to maximise coverage. Extra engagements depends on capacity of the Music Generation Team and tutors.	Ongoing	Music Generation Team	Longford LCSP and member organisations Youth Services LEAP Garda YDP
	An interested and available partner with experience in leading community art projects will need to be identified. Longford LCSP have limited resources to fund this initiative, co-funding sources will need to be identified. It is preferable that such a project would be County- Wide but the logistics of this may be difficult Project may have to be broken into phases.	Q 4 2022 – Q4 2023	Longford LCSP County Longford Arts Office Creative Longford	ENGAGE Longford Youth Services Community Groups Residents County Longford PPN Cruthú Arts Festival
	Different services have different catchment areas. There may be some gaps in service across the county. Additional resources would be welcomed by all services.	Q3 2022 and ongoing	LCSP CYPSC LCCC LSP	All children & youth services LCSP partner organisations Local communities & residents County Longford PPN Longford County Council
	Support from primary & post primary schools is required to allow students to attend. A central, sizable location is required The content of the event should be informed by consultation with young people. Funding may be required.	Q4 2022	Longford LCSP Healthy Communities Programme	Youth Services in Longford Longford County Council CYPSC Primary & Secondary Schools

Objective 17

Explore the development of community-centred approaches to build trust and improve sense of safety

Actions	Action Category/ Impacts	Indicators
<p>17.1 Restorative Communities & Restorative Justice initiative</p> <p>Longford LCSP organisations will support a pilot programme to introduce Restorative Community & Restorative Justice Practices. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education/ Training workshops for key stakeholders, staff and community members • Awareness raising including development of an app/ information resource • Build a Restorative Network across Longford 	<p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Disruptive / chain-breaking</p>	<p>How much did we do? #of training event #of participants #of network events How well did we do it? % change in awareness % change in sense of wellbeing Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>
<p>17.2 Raise Awareness of Trauma Informed Care & Practice</p> <p>Building on from the work of introducing Restorative Community Practice, Longford LCSP organisations will raise awareness of Trauma Informed Care and advocate for provision of training for key agency staff and stakeholders</p>	<p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Disruptive / chain-breaking</p> <p>Communication / data sharing</p>	<p>How much did we do? #of training event #of participants #of network events How well did we do it? % change in awareness % change in sense of wellbeing Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>
<p>17.3 Supports for Victims of Crime</p> <p>It is acknowledged that there is a demand for increased supports for the victims of crime, across a range of service areas. No definitive action on this has been identified.</p> <p>Through its working groups, Longford LCSP commit to reviewing this need on an ongoing basis over the lifetime of this plan, and continuing to engage with victim of crime.</p> <p>From this we can design appropriate actions and initiatives with our Partners. Some things which may be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertaking research to establish appropriate responses and identify gaps (victim-focused): • What is working in rural areas? • Is there a feedback mechanism for victims of crime in Longford? • identification of gaps/establishing existing good practice • Understanding of the complex needs of many victims of crime and the impact within families and the community. • Exploring the role of Restorative Justice practices and how this could be implemented in Longford 	<p>Risk reduction</p> <p>Capacity/ Relationship Building</p> <p>Communication / data sharing</p>	<p>How much did we do? #of discussions # of actions/ interventions developed # of engagements with victims How well did we do it? % change in awareness % change in sense of wellbeing Is anyone better off? Stories of change</p>

	Challenges/Barriers/Considerations	Timeline	Lead Agency	Other Stakeholders
	Funding for this initiative is being sought under Community Safety Innovation Fund 2022. Buy-in from LCSP organisations and other stakeholders, at an appropriate level of authority, is essential.	Q4 2022 to Q4 2023	Ballymahon Family Resource Centre Longford LCSP	Community groups Front line agencies
	Trauma Informed Care approaches require appropriate training and correct information. Buy-in is required from LCSP partner organisations and other stakeholders	Q4 2022 and ongoing	Longford LCSP HSE	MRDATF All other LCSP organisations County Longford PPN Longford County Council
	AGS are committed to improving its victim support service, per Policing Plan 2022. Appropriate interfaces for engaging with victims of crime should be identified in collaboration with LCSP organisations.	Q4 2022 and ongoing	Longford LCSP. AGS	Victim Support Groups LWL Family Resource Centres

5.3 Monitoring, Evaluation & Reporting

Overview of Monitoring process

Given that the purpose of the CSP is to create positive, long-lasting change in the community, it is imperative to establish a reliable way to evaluate whether these changes are occurring and where additional action may be needed. Monitoring and evaluation will involve a combination of data collection and analysis (monitoring) and assessing to what extent the CSP is, or is not, meeting its objectives (evaluation).

Recognising that community safety is complex, and that perceptions and feelings of safety can be impacted by various domains (e.g., education, health, victimisation, living standards, social issues, access to services, sense of belonging, etc.), it is

important that monitoring and evaluation needs to be based on diverse measurements; moving beyond conventional and simplistic measures like reported crime statistics or a crime severity index, alone.

As we are currently at a pilot stage, a formal framework is not yet designed and the Longford LCSP will work to develop this over the duration of this Plan (2022- end 2023). This will be done in conjunction with the ongoing Pilot Programme Evaluation, being undertaken by Centre for Effective Services (CES) on behalf of the Department of Justice. Longford LCSP is participating fully in this Evaluation and this will lead to development of a framework for Local Community Safety Partnerships to be rolled out to all Local Authority administrative areas.



Figure 6 Structure Longford LCSP

Evaluation & Reporting on action plan

Progress on the Community Safety Plan will be monitored and reported quarterly to Longford Community Safety Partnership. To effectively manage this, the LCSP has established 3 sub committees- 1 Steering Groups and 2 Strategic Working Groups. Small 'Task and Finish' Groups may be established for short periods of time to implement specific projects or initiatives.

The LCSP is supported by a full time coordinator. The Steering Group is chaired by the LCSP Chairperson and will be responsible for oversight of finances and coordinating overall monitoring as well as reporting to the Department of Justice.

Working Group 1 is chaired by the Vice Chairperson- Statutory Pillar and will focus on the strategic Themes of Policing, Crime Prevention and Communication & Collaboration (Intra-Service).

Working Group 2 is chaired by the Vice Chairperson- Community Pillar and will focus on the strategic themes of Community Engagement, Youth & Inclusion and Communication (public facing). Both Groups will look at public infrastructure & amenities.

Task & Finish Groups will be chaired by a member of the LCSP as deemed appropriate, and they will feed into the Steering Group. It is intended to establish 2 multi- agency task and finish groups whose membership extends beyond the LCSP membership.

1. Ardnacassa Joint Action Group (Reference Action 12.1) this group will feed into Working Group 1
2. Traveller Interagency Working Group (Reference Action 10.1). This group will feed into Working Group 2

The organisation chart to the left illustrates the structure of Longford LCSP:

Performance indicators, as identified in the action plan will be used to track, evaluate and communicate progress towards the goals and priorities. It is acknowledged that performance indicators may change as the Plan is implemented and new indicators may emerge. This will be captured during each quarterly progress update as appropriate

These metrics will illustrate our progress and effectiveness over time and show whether we are moving in the right direction.

An action report sheet will be devised for use by each action lead partner, via the sub-committees. These will be used to compile the quarterly reports for the full LCSP which will then be made available to the public .

Updating the Plan

As this plan will cover an initial period of 18 months, it will be formally reported on twice in its lifetime. This report will be delivered by the LCSP in a reader-friendly format appropriate for public consumption.

The Community Safety Plan is intended to be flexible and to allow the LCSP to be responsive as we implement it using this iterative process.

The Plan will be updated annually. As more up to date CSO and Partners Organisations data and statistics become available, this will be taken into account during LCSP reviews of this Plan . This will help in assessing how well the Plan continues to serve as a guide for future policies and initiatives.

Reporting to the public & public meetings

Longford Local Community Safety Partnership is accountable to the residents and communities in County Longford. It intends to continue with regular ongoing engagement sessions as used during the consultation process to capture community safety sentiment, issues and achievements directly from communities.

Members of the public can attend the quarterly meetings of Longford Local Community Safety Partnership for transparency.

Community safety concerns, issues or comments can be brought to the attention of the Partnership through the Community Safety Coordinator at any time- email communitysafety@longfordcoco.ie

Longford Local Community Safety Partnership will hold at least one open public meeting per year, where residents and community members can meet with members and raise questions or queries about the delivery of actions/initiatives. These meetings will be publicised widely in advance through multiple channels to allow for maximum public engagement.

Interim reports, progress updates, and meeting minutes and updates will be published as they become available.

Appendix 1: Membership of Longford Local Community Safety Partnership

Independent Chairperson: Martina Moloney

Statutory Agency Partner	Nominee
An Garda Síochána	Superintendent Seamus Boyle
Longford County Council Elected Representatives	Cllr Uruemu Adejimni Cllr Seamus Butler Cllr Colin Dalton Cllr Peggy Nolan Cllr Paul Ross Cllr PJ Reilly Cllr Gerry Warnock
Longford County Council Executive Representative	Barbara Heslin, <i>Director of Services</i>
Tusla	Steve Wrenn, <i>PPFS Manager</i>
Probation Service	Irene Gilmore, <i>Senior Probation Officer</i>
Department of Social Protection	Grainne O'Donnell, <i>Intreo Centre Manager</i>
HSE	Anthony O Prey, <i>Senior Health Promotion Officer</i>
Midlands Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force	Antoinette Kinsella, <i>Coordinator</i>

Former members who contributed to this Plan:

Alma Gavin – Probation Services

Carmel Lally – HSE

Patrick McDonnell – Longford Chamber of Commerce

Community Partner	Nominee
Longford Public Participation Network – Residents, new communities, victims of crime representatives	Ndidi Idehen Heather McKenna Karen Reilly Aneta Safiak
Longford Public Participation Network - Community representatives involved in community/ social projects	Angela Keaveney Joe Murphy
Longford Public Participation Network - Youth Representatives(to include 1 member U25)	Karen Walsh Luke Casserly
Longford Age Friendly Alliance Older persons representative	Kitty Hughes
Longford Local Sports Partnership Community sporting representative	Tony Headon
Longford Community Resources Clg Local development company representative	Adrian Greene
Rural Representative	James Belton
Education Representatives Primary and Secondary School practitioners	Orla Egan Francis Mc Gee

Appendix 2: Longford Local Community Safety Partnership Terms of Reference –Pilot Phase 2021-2023

Context

1. The purpose of these Terms of Reference (ToRs) is to set out the composition, functions and operation of the County Longford Local Community Safety Partnership (the “Local Community Safety Partnership”) pilot programme. These terms of reference may be revised at any stage by the Sponsors’ Group in consultation with the Chairperson.
2. In December 2018, the Government approved A Policing Service for our Future – a four year plan (2019 – 2022) to implement the Commission on the Future of Policing in Ireland (CoFPI) Report, The Future of Policing in Ireland. A key principle of the CoFPI Report is that policing is not the responsibility of An Garda Síochána alone and involves other agencies of Government such as Local Government, health, youth and social services. As recommended by CoFPI, the Government approved the development of new legislation – the Policing and Community Safety Act – which will redefine policing and the role of An Garda Síochána and other state agencies in harm prevention.
3. The Department of Justice is now developing the General Scheme for the Policing and Community Safety Bill, informed by a Community Safety policy approach. Community Safety is about people feeling and being safe in their communities. It entails collaborative, multi-agency approaches to harm prevention measures at the local community level. Local Community Safety Partnerships, with this broader multi-agency focus, are proposed in the draft Policing and Community Safety Bill to replace the existing Joint Policing Committees (JPCs).
4. The County Longford Local Community Safety Partnership is a pilot Local Community Safety Partnership. The new structure being piloted aims to develop proper strategic partnership approaches to a range of local issues. The Local Community Safety Partnership will give communities a stronger voice in identifying and tackling the issues they face, and connect them with a wider range of services to address these issues. Agencies and service providers across a range of areas will work with community representatives on community solutions to

complex safety problems. The learnings from the pilot will be used to improve the functioning of the partnership and inform national roll-out of the initiative.

Location of the Local Community Safety Partnership

5. The Local Community Safety Partnership will be established in County Longford and will replace the JPC in this area.

Values of the Local Community Safety Partnership

6. The activities of the Local Community Safety Partnership will be grounded in and guided by the following values:

- Partnership
- Respect
- Integrity
- Inclusivity
- Participation
- Accountability
- Confidentiality
- Diversity
- Collaboration.

Objectives of the Local Community Safety Partnership Pilot

7. Local Community Safety Partnerships will take a strategic approach to their work so that issues arising can be dealt with in a coordinated manner, addressed collectively by relevant service providers in partnership with the community. The objectives of the Local Community Safety Partnership will be to:
 - a. Prioritise issues identified by the community as safety concerns
 - The community will be represented on the Local Community Safety Partnership
 - A Local Community Safety Plan will be developed which will reflect priorities identified by the community.
 - b. Improve multi-agency collaboration in the pilot area
 - Relevant service providers will be represented on the Local Community Safety

Partnership and will work collaboratively on solutions to safety issues.

- c. Increase community confidence in service providers
 - Service providers will be accountable to the community in fulfilling the agreed actions identified in the Local Community Safety Plan.
 - The community will be better informed about and empowered to participate in community safety activities in the area.
- d. Identify elements to improve the delivery of a national programme on community safety
 - Dynamic monitoring and evaluation of the pilot will enable improvements to the structure.

Term

8. The Local Community Safety Partnership pilot in County Longford will run for 24 months.

Membership

9. The Local Authority shall establish the Local Community Safety Partnership and shall secure membership of the Local Community Safety Partnership. It is important that the Local Community Safety Partnership will have active and representative community voices. Membership of the Local Community Safety Partnership will therefore have a 51-49% split in favour of private members. Gender balance should be sought in the composition of the membership of the Local Community Safety Partnership.
10. Membership, for the pilot, will seek to include the following representatives, insofar as possible, to a maximum of 30 members:

Chairperson (independent)

Public Body Representatives

- a. 1 member of An Garda Síochána
- b. 7 local publicly elected representatives – (3 representatives from the Longford Municipal District (MD) as the MD with the highest population and 2 each from Ballymahon and Granard MD's.
- c. 1 Local Authority representative
- d. 1 Tusla representative

- e. 1 HSE representative
- f. 1 representative of the Midland Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force
- g. 1 representative of the Probation Service
- h. 1 representative of the Department of Social Protection

The number of representatives from public bodies shall not exceed 14.

Private Representatives

- a. 8 representatives- to be nominated by Longford Public Participation Network (PPN) as follows
 - 4 Local Resident representatives who live in the area to represent new communities, minority communities, victims' groups, residents' associations, tidy towns group/ development associations
 - 2 Community representatives involved in community/social projects
 - 2 Youth representatives, including a young person under the age of 25
- b. 1 Older persons' representative – to be nominated by Longford Age Friendly Alliance
- c. 1 Community sporting representative – to be nominated by Longford Local Sports Partnership
- d. 1 Local development company representative – to be nominated by Longford Community Resources Clg
- e. 1 Business representative – to be nominated by the Business Pillar
- f. 1 Farming representative – to be nominated by the Farming Pillar
- g. 2 Education representatives- to be nominated by each of the Primary school and Secondary school sectors

The number of private representatives shall not exceed 15.

11. The proceedings of the Local Community Safety Partnership shall not be invalidated by any vacancy or vacancies among its members.
12. A member of the Local Community Safety Partnership who is appointed due to holding a specific position, and who ceases to hold that

position, shall cease being a member of the Local Community Safety Partnership.

13. A member of the Local Community Safety Partnership may resign their membership at any time, such resignation must be notified to the Chair and will take effect from the date specified therein or upon receipt of the notification by the Community Safety Coordinator, whichever is the later.
14. Where a nominating body has selected a member of the Local Community Safety Partnership, the, nominating body may de-select their representative member on the Local Community Safety Partnership by giving notice in writing to the Chair and such de-selection shall take effect from the date specified therein.
15. A member of the Local Community Safety Partnership shall resign upon request of the Chair, in consultation with the Sponsors' Group.
16. Where a member of the Local Community Safety Partnership is absent from three consecutive meetings without adequate reason, the Chairperson shall request:
 - a. that member to resign as a member of the Local Community Safety Partnership, and
 - b. the member's nominating body to provide a replacement nominee to the Local Community Safety Partnership.
17. The Chair shall inform the Sponsors' Group of any changes in membership of the Local Community Safety Partnership.

Training for Members of the Local Community Safety Partnership

18. Training opportunities should be made available to the members of the Local Community Safety Partnership, with a particular focus on the community representatives to enable them to build confidence, leadership skills and their capacity to represent their communities on the Local Community Safety Partnership.

Chairperson of the Local Community Safety Partnership

19. The Sponsors' Group shall appoint an independent Chairperson of the Local

Community Safety Partnership for the pilot. The key responsibilities of the Chairperson include:

- Provide leadership and direction for the Local Community Safety Partnership
- Ensure the effectiveness of the Local Community Safety Partnership in all aspects of its role, including delivery of the Local Community Safety Plan
- Ensure active participation and contributions from all members across all sectors
- Ensure active engagement of the community by the support staff of the Local Community Safety Partnership

20. The Local Community Safety Partnership shall select two Vice-Chairpersons from among its members, one from private interests and one from public interests.

Functions of the Local Community Safety Partnership

21. The functions of the Local Community Safety Partnership are as follows:
 - a. Provide an authoritative platform for community, local services providers and An Garda Síochána:
 - To listen to the local community about safety concerns including through community outreach activities;
 - To conduct a needs analysis on safety concerns in the community in order to identify gaps and priorities in relation to the area;
 - To support the community, local services (statutory and non-statutory) and An Garda Síochána to assess safety concerns for the area by providing relevant up to date information on local trends, local services and service performance;
 - To drive community safety programmes and interventions that are responsive to local needs and well-integrated across service providers;
 - To identify specific initiatives where the community can support local services and An Garda Síochána in their community safety work, including outreach programmes.

- b. Develop and implement a Local Community Safety Plan which will be informed by and contribute to all relevant local community planning processes – both statutory (in particular, the Local Economic and Community Plan, Local Policing Plan) and non-statutory (CYPSC Plan).
- c. Oversee the administration of funding made available to the Local Community Safety Partnership through the Sponsors' Group.
- d. Foster opportunities for community participation in community safety activities
- e. Build the capacity of local community and voluntary members to enable them to engage meaningfully in the Local Community Safety Partnership, represent their views, contribute to decision-making and to grow local community leadership and participation.
- f. Where appropriate, sub-groups can be established to deal with specific issues in more detail with relevant members.

Scheduling and Notification of Meetings

- 22. Standing Orders for meetings will be agreed by the Local Community Safety Partnership.
- 23. The LCSP will not consider a matter if:
 - a. it would endanger the security of one or more individuals;
 - b. it relates to an individual – individuals shall not be discussed or named. An individual's right to privacy and the provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights Act 2003 must be adhered to;
 - c. it involves information received by the Garda Síochána or the local authority in confidence;
 - d. it would, or would be likely to, prejudice the prevention or detection of crime or the apprehension or prosecution of offenders; or
 - e. it is deemed prejudicial to a Garda operational matter, such as the deployment or composition of specialist units, or involves material of a sensitive nature.
- 24. The frequency, location and timing of ordinary meetings of the Local Community Safety Partnership are matters for the determination by the Local Community Safety Partnership.

The Chairperson shall keep the Sponsors' Group informed about scheduled meetings.

- 25. There shall be regular meetings of the Local Community Safety Partnership, no fewer than four per annum.
- 26. The Local Community Safety Partnership shall hold such and so many meetings as may be necessary for the performance of its functions.
- 27. Notifications of meetings of the Local Community Safety Partnership shall be sent to each Partnership member by electronic means or otherwise, specifying the date, time and place of the meeting, and giving no less than 7 days' notice of the meeting.
- 28. The quorum for a meeting of the Local Community Safety Partnership shall be 11. There should be a minimum of 4 representatives from both the public and non-public membership respectively.
- 29. The Chairperson shall have discretion to call a special meeting of the Local Community Safety Partnership to discuss matters of particular importance to it. Where a special meeting is convened, notice must issue at least 3 days in advance of the meeting containing the time and place of the meeting and specifying purpose of the meeting to every member of the Local Community Safety Partnership.

Agenda

- 30. The agenda and all documentation relevant to the business of the Local Community Safety Partnership shall be circulated to all members not less than 4 working days in advance of any meeting of the Partnership.

Minutes

- 31. The Local Community Safety Partnership shall approve arrangements in respect of the minutes of the proceedings of meetings, including recording decisions made and action to be taken, and procedures in respect of the approval and publication of minutes.

Business of the Local Community Safety Partnership

- 32. A member shall not receive any remuneration for acting as a member of the Local Community Safety Partnership.

33. A person shall not, without the consent of the Local Community Safety Partnership, disclose any information deemed by the Partnership to be of a commercially sensitive or confidential nature obtained by that person while performing, or as a result of having performed, duties as a member of the Partnership.
 34. Communication with the community is central to the work of the Local Community Safety Partnership. A minimum of one meeting per year of the Local Community Safety Partnership should be open to the public. Where the Local Community Safety Partnership holds meetings in private, a report of the meeting should be made publicly available. The Local Community Safety Partnership should endeavour to make its reports and documents publicly available to the widest degree possible, unless it would not be possible for legal or confidentiality reasons or would not be in the public interest to make such information or documents available.
 35. Where meetings of the Local Community Safety Partnership are open to the public, appropriate provision should be made for notifying the public of the meeting with particular provision made to ensure that marginalised and hard to reach sections of the community are made aware of the meetings.
- a. By consensus of those members present and eligible to vote, or
 - b. Where consensus cannot be achieved, by a majority of the votes of the members present and eligible to vote.
 - c. In the event where there is no majority, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.
40. Each member present at a meeting of the Local Community Safety Partnership shall have a vote.
 41. At decision-making level neither public authorities nor any single interest group shall represent more than 49% of the voting rights of the Local Community Safety Partnership.
 42. A Register of Interests shall be completed/ maintained and all members will have to certify their position before each meeting. Members will be required to declare any Conflict of Interest that may occur due to an unexpected item arising.
 43. For the purposes of clarification, Conflict of Interest shall be deemed as “a set of circumstances that creates a risk that a professional judgement or actions regarding a primary interest will be unduly influenced by a secondary interest.”

Reports

36. The Local Community Safety Partnership shall provide regular updates to the Sponsors’ Group on the performance of its functions, starting from the date of establishment of the Local Community Safety Partnership.
37. The Local Community Safety Partnership shall issue a public update every 3 months providing an overview of partnership activities.
38. The Local Community Safety Partnership shall issue an annual public report which should reflect the work done to engage the community and to achieve the objectives in the Local Community Safety Plan.

Decisions of the Local Community Safety Partnership

39. All acts of the Local Community Safety Partnership, and all questions coming or arising before the Partnership, shall be determined:

Staffing of the Local Community Safety Partnership

44. The work of the Local Community Safety Partnership will be supported by one full time staff member- a Community Safety Coordinator. The role of this officer will be to support the Local Community Safety Partnership in its work to bring together a diverse group of agencies and the community in joint planning for activities to improve the safety of the community.
45. Key responsibilities of the Community Safety Coordinator include:
 - Supporting the work of the Local Community Safety Partnership
 - Designing and delivering of community safety projects in County Longford
 - Proactively engaging with other actors working in community safety in the area

- Acting as a focal point for community safety in the area
- Overseeing the administration of funding made available for implementation projects.

Pilot Evaluation

46. An independent evaluation of the pilot Local Community Safety Partnership programme will be carried out throughout the lifecycle of the pilot. Members of the Local Community Safety Partnership shall cooperate with the evaluation process through engagement with surveys, workshops and other activities as requested by the independent evaluator.

Oversight

47. Oversight of the Local Community Safety Partnership pilot will be led by a Sponsors' Group comprised of officials from the Department of Justice, the Department of the Taoiseach and Longford County Council.

48. The Sponsors' Group will appoint the Independent Chairperson of the Local Community Safety Partnership. The Sponsors' Group will engage primarily through the Chairperson of the Local Community Safety Partnership in order to:

- a. Receive updates on
 - Activities of the Local Community Safety Partnership
 - Engagement by the service providers and private representatives on the partnership
 - Community safety activities and engagement with the wider community
 - the drafting and implementation of the Local Community Safety Plan;
- b. Administer funding to the Local Community Safety Partnership for community safety activities.

49. The Sponsors' Group will support the work of the Local Community Safety Partnership and the Community Safety Coordinator and will be responsive to issues as they arise, including by liaising with other relevant Government Departments and agencies with respect to service provision in the area.

50. The Sponsors' Group will also engage on issues relating to the evaluation of the pilot, including a mid-point evaluation after 12 months.

Sub-Groups

51. The Local Community Safety Partnership may appoint a Sub- Group for any specific purpose.
52. When appointing a Sub-Group, the members shall determine the number and names of Members who are to be members of it and who will Chair it.
53. The Chairperson shall fix the quorum which shall not be less than three that will apply in respect of a Sub-Group.
54. The term of office of a Sub-Group shall be for such period as the Chairperson may determine.
55. The Chairperson of each Sub-Group shall be responsible to the Members for the general management of the business entrusted to the Sub-Group.
56. A copy of any report of a Sub-Group to be submitted to the Local Community Safety Partnership shall be transmitted to each Member at least three days before any Meeting at which it is to be discussed.

These Terms of Reference was approved at the Longford Community Safety Partnership Meeting held on 20 September 2021.

Appendix 3: Community Safety Risk Factors & Protective Factors

Risk factors

Risk can be considered the combination of an event, its likelihood and its consequences. A risk factor is a negative influence, circumstance or condition that can exist in alone or in conjunction with others and which contributes to the vulnerability of individuals, groups of people and/or communities to harm or injury.

Protective factors

Protective factors are positive influences or circumstances that can improve the lives of individuals or the safety of a community. Building on existing protective factors makes individuals and communities stronger, resilient and better able to counteract risk factors.

Category	Risk Factors	Protective Factors
Culture	Economic inequality Gender inequality; racism; social exclusion; norms supportive of violence	Social norms and values, social awareness and policies that reduce economic and social disparities, and protect and enhance the environment and are inclusive in their approach (e.g. gender, ethnicity, culture, language and ability).
Environment	Loss and deterioration of natural assets; High-carbon energy use; unsafe transportation network; changing weather patterns; earthquakes, climate-related changes such as extreme weather events Little or no access to active transport options or public amenities/safe spaces to play	<i>Natural assets</i> – forests, parks, rivers, wetlands and soil; Enhanced assets such as rain gardens, urban trees, urban parks, storm-water systems; <i>Engineered assets</i> such as permeable pavement, green roofs, green walls and renewable energy; green and energy-efficient buildings, safe, healthy and active transportation options; and community amenities, safe spaces
Community, Workplace, School	Academic underachievement; unemployment, low-quality jobs; poverty; income inequality; limited and inadequate housing; low rental vacancy rate; limited child care; poor nutrition; poor access to services; availability of drugs and firearms; crime; presence of gangs; racism and marginalization; cultural or language barriers; negative messaging in media; low public trust in police/justice system; low level of perceived police/justice system legitimacy; and ineffectiveness of police/justice system in carrying out its mandate and in engaging/ partnering with community.	Cultural diversity; social attachment to school and work; caring environments; education programs; steady and quality employment; secure, safe and affordable housing; good nutrition; accessible social and health services; recreation and cultural amenities, festivals, events and sports; community connectedness and cohesion; public trust in police/justice system; justice system transparency and equity; efficient/effective emergency services; civic involvement.

Category	Risk Factors	Protective Factors
Intimate Relationships	Anti-social parents or peers; few or no positive role models; parents failing to provide basic care; conflicted interpersonal relationships; poor quality family dynamics; child maltreatment; lack of parental supervision; physical abuse and neglect; parental substance abuse; parental and/or sibling criminality; single-parent family; teen parenthood; unstable family income limited structured or pro-social use of free time	Supportive, meaningful relationships (family, friends, employers, colleagues); good parenting skills; positive family dynamics; parental level of employment and education; positive parent-child attachment and interactions; stability of the family unit; pro-social peers; positive role models and mentors.
Individual	Low self-esteem; poor emotional controls; substance abuse; anti-social personality traits; pro-criminal attitudes and values; poor problem-solving and decision-making skills; learning difficulties; low literacy and/or academic performance; behavioural problems; poor mental and physical health; physical and/or sexual abuse; discrimination and violent victimization; negative peer influences; limited attachment to a community; precarious employment	Pro-social values; empathy; planning, decision-making and problem-solving skills; Active lifestyle; academic achievement; self-efficacy; self-esteem; effective social skills; secure attachment with caregivers; good mental, physical, and emotional health; ability and willingness to seek support; positive school experiences; secure employment.

References: Community Safety Plan- Burnaby Canada; Kelowna (Canada) Community Safety Plan

