

# Reports from PPN Reps to Joint Policing Committee - December 2019

## Joint Policing Committee

16/12/2019

A meeting of the Joint Policing Committee was held in County Hall last Monday.

The meeting opened with the Gardai being complimented on the manner in which they handled with compassion the case of immigrants who were found in a container from a boat which landed in Rosslare recently.

At present Wexford County Council are drafting Bye Laws including that of drinking on the streets are not expected to come into force until September 2020 these laws when enacted can be enforced by the Gardai

A discussion on antisocial behavior by 12/15 year old children who are to a certain extent are protected by various children's laws is down to poor parenting skills

On the Wexford Gardai Divisional Mission and Strategy plan 2019-2021

They were complimented on their working for the common good it was suggested that all Garda vehicles should be equipped with defibrillators.

The matter of drugs was also discussed one member was surprised to learn from a friend involved in sport on the amount of young people using sport enhancing drugs it was remarked that the Cornmarket Rehab framework in Wexford was having a 90% success rate.

As a result of correspondence from disability linkage group of the PPN the question was asked was there members of the Gardai trained in Sign Language and were they available in Garda stations. The meeting was informed that a limited amount of Gardai were being trained in the use of sign language and there was provision for one in Enniscorthy Garda station.

The question was asked re CCTV in Courtown/ Riverchapel the JPC gave the permission for it to be installed but due to Data Protection it will not be live and will be controlled by Wexford County Council and it will be in a secure place.

On the question of increased Gardai for Gorey and the Courtown/ Riverchapel Garda Fora that will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Wexford Garda Youth Awards for 2020 in association with Wexford County Council was also announced with forms being returned to Graham Rowley Inspector Wexford Garda Station  
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The meeting concluded

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## **Report of Joint Policing Committee Meeting 9/12/2019**

### **Compiled by Dan Kennedy**

I attended a meeting of Joint Policing Committee in the Co Hall on 9/12/2019. There was number of reports presented outlining the up to date statistics of all Garda activities, it was stated that nearly all form of crime were on a downward trend over the past year which was very encouraging in the run up to Christmas.

There was a lengthy discussion on the Wexford Garda Policing Plan for 2020, with many overhead charts put up, and explained in the follow up discussion and adopted.

Following a number of questions from myself, it was stated that the Gardai had no control over the Age Friendly Parking bays in public areas,

Also Under-Age Cards can be approved at local Garda Stations.

In response to a further question re a Sign Language Interpreter at all Garda Stations, it was stated that as of now this service has only limited available in Stations, and that under the new Policing Plan it was hoped that new members would be trained up to be able to act as proper interpreters and be available in all major stations.

There has been an increase in the number of Gardai consigned to the Traffic Corp Section, and also that CCTV an only be monitored by Wexford Co Council.

Irishtown New Ross issues were also discussed, with a further feed-back as soon as possible and what action can be taken

A schedule of meeting for 2020 was approved.

After the conclusion of the meeting, there was the launch of the Garda Youth Awards 2019.