



An Garda Síochána

Monthly Report for May 2025 to the Policing and Community Safety Authority

In accordance with Section 133 (1) of the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act, 2024

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RE: Commissioner's Monthly Report to the Policing and Community Safety Authority

Dear Helen,

I am pleased to provide the Commissioner's monthly report, outlining the key aspects of the administration and operation of An Garda Síochána for the month of May 2025, in accordance with Section 133(1) of the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act, 2024.

Yours sincerely,


MARIE BRODERICK
SUPERINTENDENT
PRIVATE SECRETARY
TO COMMISSIONER

 June 2025

Message from the Commissioner

It is with deep regret this month that An Garda Síochána mourns the loss of Garda Kevin Flatley following a road traffic collision on 11 May, 2025

Garda Flatley is the 90th Garda to lose their life in the course of their duties. He was attached to the Roads Policing Unit at Dublin Castle, and had given more than 26 years of dedicated service to An Garda Síochána and the people of Ireland.

On 16 May 2025, his colleagues turned out in great numbers to support his family and loved ones as we bid him a final farewell. His passing in the course of his duties at a Roads Policing Checkpoint serves as a stark reminder of the fragility of life and the dangers faced by Gardai daily. It also points to a need for all road users to reset their behaviours on our roads. It was especially poignant that this month we also held our annual memorial day event at Dublin Castle - where Garda Flatley served proudly. It was an occasion to remember all those who we have lost in service to the State. A wreath was laid in recognition of Garda Flatley's contribution to An Garda Síochána and his name will soon be added to the Garda Roll of Honour.

Operational activities continued and during this month these included the high profile extradition of a man wanted in connection with membership of the Kinahan Organised Crime Group and his subsequent appearance before the Special Criminal Court.

This marks the first time an Irish citizen has been extradited from the United Arab Emirates and serves to highlight growing international support in the fight against transnational organised crime. I wish to thank and acknowledge the assistance provided by our colleagues in Dubai Police as we continue to collectively investigate transnational organised crime gangs.

The investigation into the disappearance and murder of Michael Gaine in Kenmare Co Kerry is ongoing following the discovery of Mr. Gaine's remains on his farm.

Efforts in the area of road safety continues with a period of concentrated roads policing enforcement over the May Bank Holiday Weekend running from 1 May to 6 May 2025 and this will be followed with a June 2025 Bank Holiday Road Safety Enforcement campaign.

We continue to appeal to motorists to stay safe on our roads by abiding by the rules of the road, and never to drive distracted or under the influence of drink or drugs.

Drew Harris
Commissioner

1. Financial Expenditure and Receipts

	2025 Allocation €'000	Expenditure/Receipts end May €'000	Remaining May-Dec €'000	Remaining %
Gross Total	2,480,453	1,043,488	1,436,965	58%
Appropriation in Aid (receipts)	113,500	62,296	51,204	45%
Net Total	2,366,953	981,192	1,385,761	

The total gross 2025 allocation is €2.48b and net allocation is €2.37b. At the end of May 2025, the total gross expenditure is €1.04b (42% of allocation) and receipts are €62.30m (55% of allocated).

Of the 2025 allocation, €173.1m relates to capital. In addition to this, there is deferred capital funding carried over from last year of €16.59 million which means the total capital budget for 2025 is €189.7m.

The Garda Senior Leadership Team continues to place a significant focus on cost management, in particular in relation to oversight and management of overtime.

Estate Management

Works continue at Bailieboro, Portlaoise and Newcastle Garda Stations, and are the subject of active engagement between the OPW and An Garda Síochána.

In addition, other projects at earlier stages of development, such as the upgrading of PEMS in Drogheda, Tallaght and Naas, and the development of new Garda stations at Clonmel and Macroom, continue to be progressed in conjunction with the OPW.

2. People and Development

Garda Trainee Recruitment

Candidates from the 2025 Garda Trainee recruitment drive are continuing to be processed by Public Jobs and An Garda Síochána at a steady pace, with a number of candidates from this competition confirmed to commence training in the June intake on 9 June 2025. There were ongoing efforts throughout May to ensure that candidates completed all stages of the selection process, including a Physical Competency Test, a Medical assessment, Substance Misuse Testing and vetting, to ensure maximum capacity for upcoming intakes.

The next intake of Garda Trainee's will commence training in the Garda College on Monday 9 June 2025 and it is anticipated that there will be circa 170 trainees in this intake.

The next attestation is scheduled to take place on Friday 6 June 2025 with 120 Garda Trainees due to be attested.

Garda Personnel Strengths

As at 31 May 2025, Garda personnel strength stood at 18,176 broken down as follows:

- Members – 14,198
- Staff – 3,680
- Reserves – 298

** Garda Staff Headcount is exclusive of Temporary Clerical Officers.*

3. Corporate Communications

Throughout the month of May 2025, the Office of Corporate Communications continued to communicate internally and externally on a broad range of policing activities undertaken by An Garda Síochána. During this month, we conducted a number of media briefings in support of operational activities across the organisation.

The Office of Corporate Communications facilitated a May Bank Holiday Weekend Road Safety Campaign with the RSA on Kildare Street on 1 May 2025, and promoted activities under our May Bank Holiday Roads Policing Operation from 1 to 6 May 2025.

A media briefing at Headquarters was facilitated following the tragic death of our colleague Garda Kevin Flatley on May 11, 2025. This office worked to implement a communications strategy supporting the broadcasting of his funeral, facilitating media access in accordance with the family's wishes, issuing press releases and responses to media queries.

Other activity this month included support being provided to assist in the issuing of a statement to media following sentencing of Anthony McGinn at Monaghan Courthouse. A media briefing was held at Walter Scott House in respect of the extradition and arrest of a man wanted in connection with membership of the Kinahan Organised Crime Gang, on 29 May 2025.

An event was held at the Swan Centre, Rathmines, Dublin 6 to launch the Go Purple Day Campaign 30 May 2025.

This office also supported the live broadcast of Garda Memorial Day on 31 May 2025, which saw our late colleague Garda Flatley honoured and remembered as the 90th Garda to die in the line of duty.

Public Awareness Road Safety: May Bank Holiday Weekend



Images issued on social media promoting the May Bank Holiday Roads Policing Operation 1 – 6 May 2025.

In support of road safety awareness, this office facilitated a media briefing with the RSA on Kildare Street on 1 May 2025, and promoted activities under our May Bank Holiday Roads Policing Operation from 1 to 6 May 2025. Updates were provided to media in respect of the operation which saw An Garda Síochána conduct more than 1,000 Mandatory Intoxicant Testing (MIT) checkpoints, with 187 arrests for driving under the influence of an intoxicant. Additionally, over 3,000 drivers were detected exceeding speed limits; 444 vehicles were seized for having no tax or insurance and 147 vehicles were seized from learner permit holders driving unaccompanied. An Garda Síochána continue to appeal to all road users to never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs, to slow down and to always

choose a speed that is appropriate to the driving conditions, to wear your seatbelt and keep your eyes always on the road.

Office of Corporate Communications Activities: Media Briefing: Death of Garda Kevin Flatley 11 May, 2025



Top Left Garda Kevin Flatley [RIP]; Top Right Assistant Commissioner Paul Cleary DMR, and Commissioner Drew Harris hold a media briefing at Garda Headquarters May 11 2025.

The Office of Corporate Communications implemented a communications plan following the death of our colleague Garda Kevin Flatley. This included internal and external communications outlining information about the incident in which Garda Flatley lost his life, and also the hosting of a media briefing at Garda Headquarters with Garda Commissioner Drew Harris and Assistant Commissioner Paul Cleary.

Further to this, the office worked to support the broadcasting of Garda Flatley's funeral in accordance with the wishes of his family and generated an online book of condolence to enable the public to sympathise with the family and organisation on this sad loss.

Campaign Event: Go Purple Day The Swan Centre 30 May 2025



L-R: Detective Insp Irene Campbell, Detective Supt Sinead Greene, Minister of State for Migration Colm Brophy, Service Manager with Saoirse Domestic Violence Services Leanne Ryan, Detective Sergeant Laura Sweeney and Detective Chief Supt Colm Noonan pictured at the launch of Go Purple Day May 30, 2025.

To mark An Garda Síochána's domestic abuse awareness day - Go Purple Day – this office supported the holding of a media briefing facilitated by the Garda National Protective Services Bureau (GNPSB) on Friday 30 May 2025, at the Swan Centre in Rathmines, Dublin. The media briefing served to shine a light on the work being done in the area of domestic abuse support and awareness and highlighted the most recent domestic abuse statistics, which show that the issue of domestic abuse is still extremely significant in 2025.

Garda Press Office Activity








The Garda Press Office operates 7am-11pm, seven days a week, responding to hundreds of queries, coordinating external communications and media relations, and regularly updating our social media platforms. This office issued 190 press releases, including 53 missing person appeals in respect of 28 individuals; 27 witness appeals; together with those related to successful operations undertaken by the organisation during the month of May 2025.

Social Media Activities

The Office of Corporate Communications oversees six official social media channels for An Garda Síochána; Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, LinkedIn, X (formerly Twitter), and Bluesky. Within these channels there are 43 separate accounts, including regional Facebook and regional Instagram profiles. There are approximately 2.3million followers across all platforms. These channels are used to promote activity within the organisation, highlighting the good work being done nationwide. These channels are further used to provide key communications to the public on behalf of An Garda Síochána. These communications may include public information regarding traffic disruption, public appeals for information, alerts i.e. CRI alerts, and campaigns.

The Office of Corporate Communications measure the success of these communications by capturing:

- The number of followers/individual users who have subscribed to each account.
- The rate of engagement with the account. A high percentage indicates we are producing compelling posts that resonate with our audience. Typically, a good engagement rate is in the region of 1-5%.
- The number of engagements with the content/posts we produce.

Social Media Channel	Number of Followers	Engagement Rate
 Facebook - @AnGardaSíochána	426,770	1.56%
 Facebook – Missing Persons	28,387	1.86%
 Instagram - @GardaInsta	245,204	1.93%
 X- @GardaInfo	297,700	4.46%
 X - @GardaTraffic	629,838	12.25%
 LinkedIn – An Garda Síochána	76,489	7.53%
 TikTok – @GardaInfo	67,526	2.81%

Internal Communications

In May 2025, 13 Newsbeat updates were issued, 5 of these updates were in tribute to Garda Kevin Flatley RIP.

The average Newsbeat open rate is 66%, higher than the industry standard open rate of 57.17% for internal newsletters, and the 52.26% average within Government and Public Service organisations. Also published this month was a direct message from Commissioner Harris to all Garda personnel on the death of Garda Kevin Flatley.



Newsbeat highlights from May 2025:

- **Tribute to Garda Kevin Flatley:** We paid tributes to Garda Flatley (RIP) and shared relevant details of his funeral following his tragic death on 11 May 2025
- **LinCT-AA conference:** An Garda Síochána in partnership with the PSNI co-hosted the Leadership in Counter Terrorism Alumni Association (LinCT-AA). It was the first time the event was held in Ireland.
- **An Garda Síochána Annual Commemoration:** Newsbeat shared updates and pictures of our annual commemoration to honour the courage, dedication and sacrifice of Gardaí killed in the line of duty was held in Dublin Castle.
- **Garda Board convened:** We shared information about the first meeting of the Garda Board, established under the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024

4. Operating Model

Completion of the Operating Model comprises of 6 key streams:

- (i) Divisional rollout
- (ii) Handover of Operating Model Divisions to BAU;
- (iii) Regional rollout
- (iv) Rollout of BSFA and governance to National Function/Bureaus
- (v) Design Divisional Court Management Office (DCMO) and
- (vi) Completion of Crime and Community Engagement process manuals

Following the implementation of the Operating Model in the Kildare/Carlow Division on 11 May 2025, all twenty-one Divisions are now operating under the Operating Model Four Functional Area structures (Business Services; Performance Assurance; Crime; and Community Engagement). All Divisions are now offering the benefits of working under the model, with a consistent service delivery and ways of working, and ultimately permitting increased capacity for Garda Members to perform core policing duties.

The Operating Model Central Implementation Team continues to engage with Divisions following implementation to provide support to the respective Divisional Management Teams in managing the transitional and post-implementation phases.

Transition from Operation Model programme to Business as Usual (BAU) divisional ownership for Business Services is fully complete for 18 Divisions, with final stages of handover underway for a further 3 Divisions. The plan is for the remaining Divisions to transition to BAU ownership for Business Services within a 12-week period of going live.

Rollout of Regional Office standardised processes is on track for completion in Q2 2025, and engagement is currently ongoing across National Functions and Bureaus regarding design and alignment.

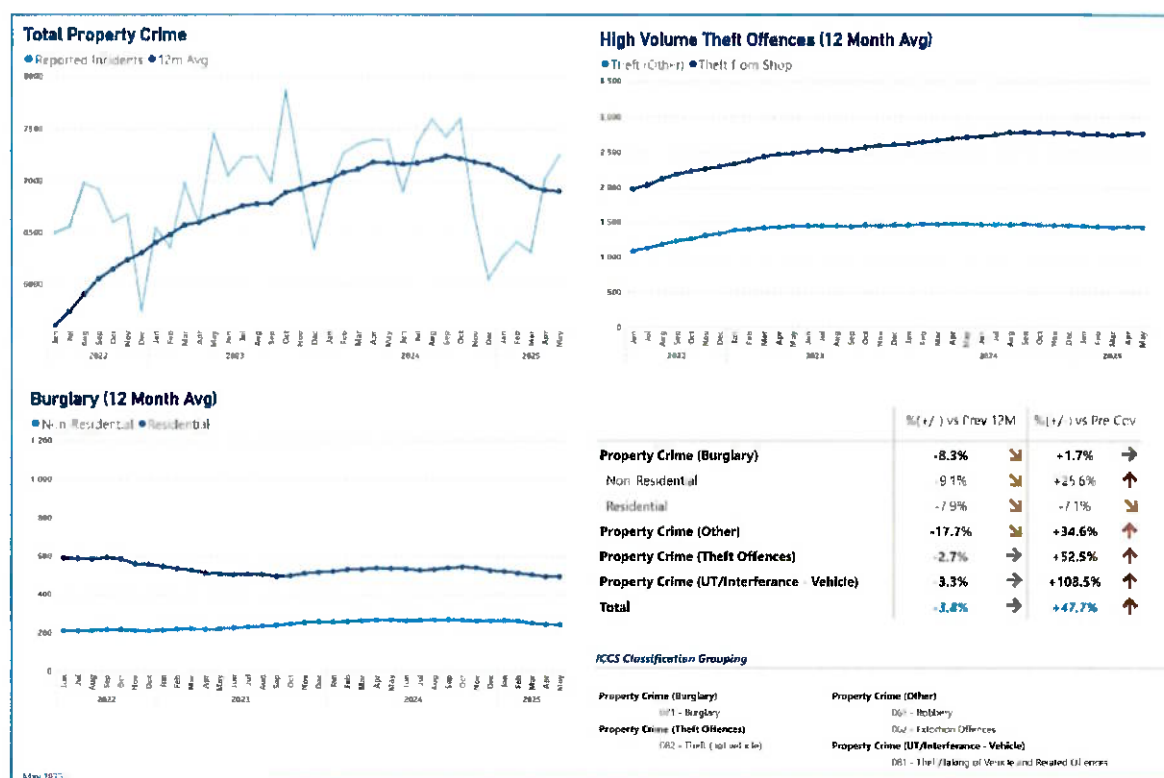
Implementation Overview (31 May 2025)

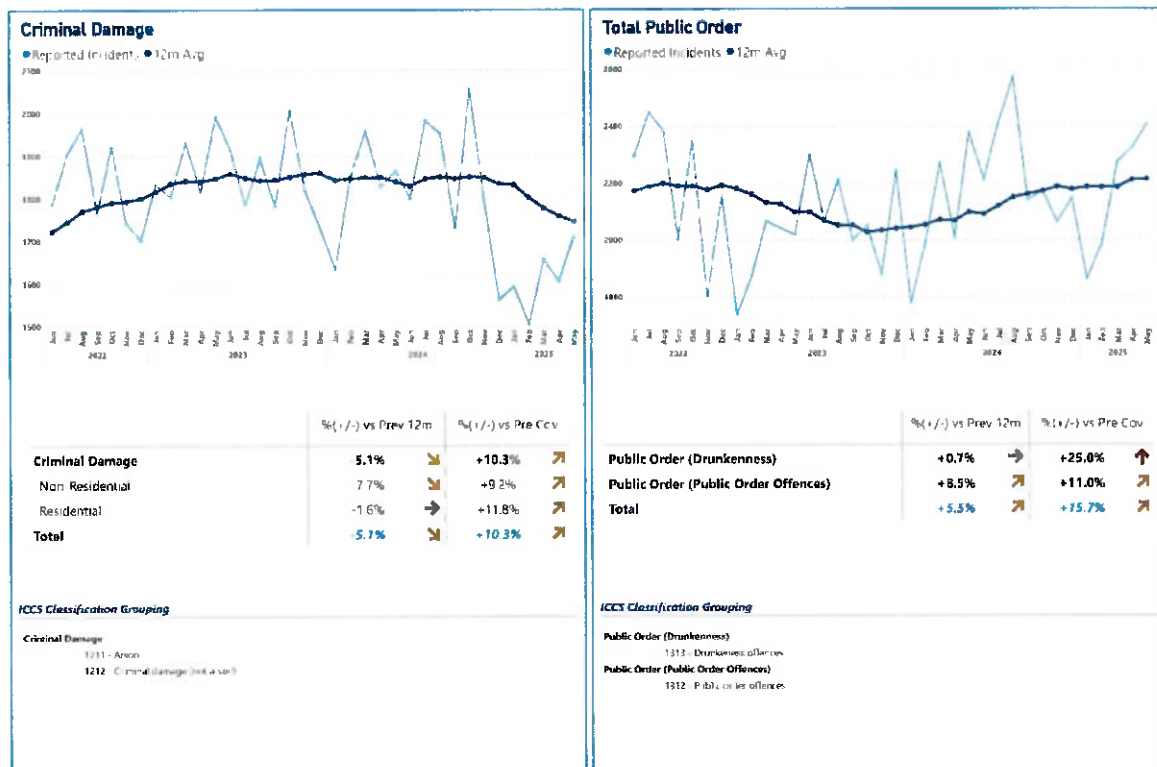
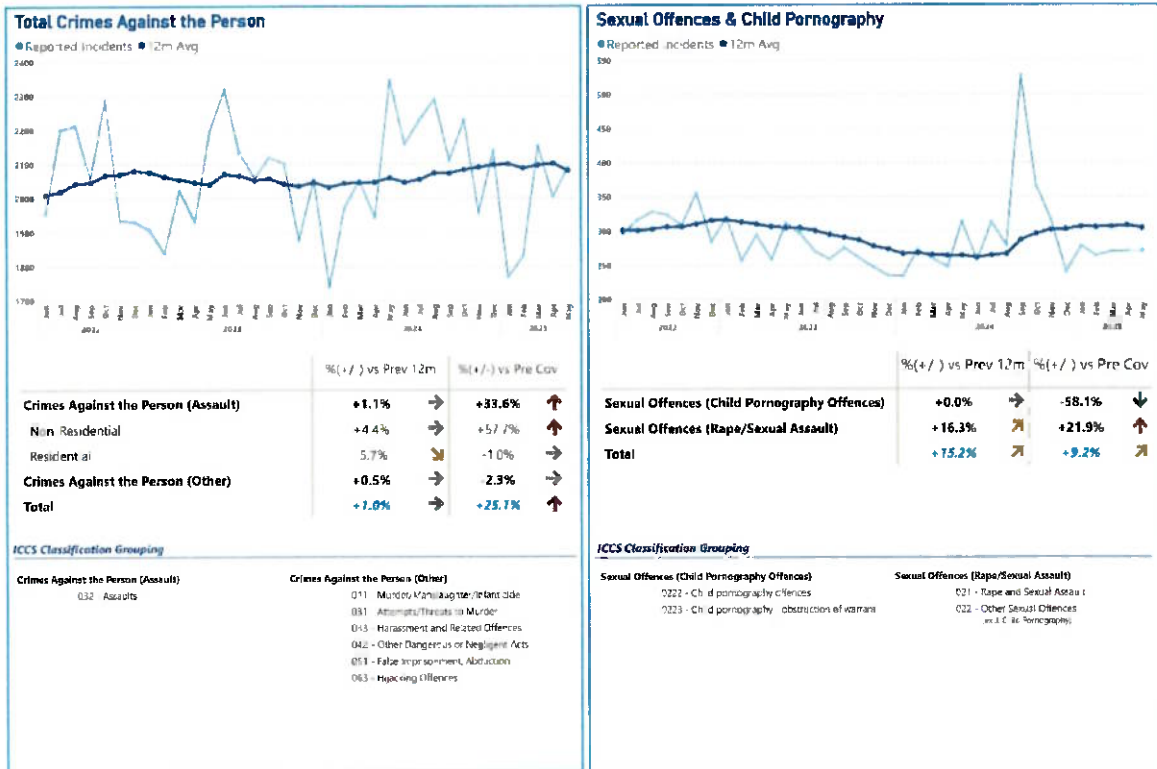


5. Crime Trends

Crime Trends

The Garda Síochána Analysis Service closely monitors crime trends, and disseminates analysis on a regional and divisional basis. This feeds directly into planning operational activities aimed at reducing and preventing crime. Crime incident figures and the associated trends are based on provisional data, and are subject to change following review. The CSO publications represent the official crime statistics. These are carried in the CSO's quarterly publications of crime trends and in their annual reports.





Use of Force May 2025

Category	May 2025
Total UOF for Month	1,155
Civilians Injured	25
Garda Members Injured	20
Pepper Spray Deployed	131
Batons	29
Handcuffs	1,089
Anti-spit guard	0
Unarmed Restraint	199
Taser	0
Less Lethal Firearm	0
Firearm	0
Gender Subject to Force – Male	929
Gender Subject to Force – Female	133
Drugs Involved	294
Alcohol Involved	655
Division with highest level UOF – DMR South Central	212
Percentage of UOF Deployments occurring Friday, Saturday and Sunday	51%

6. Policing Challenges

Demonstrations

An Garda Síochána continues to provide a policing response, including traffic management, to protests nationally. This type of incident can be resource-intensive due to potentially large numbers of people involved. The international conflict and anti-immigration/housing of refugees continue to be the main causes for protests/demonstrations.

Table 1 - Demonstration (Non Crime) - 2025YTD

Region	2025 YTD
Dublin Region	330
Eastern Region	55
North Western Region	39
Southern Region	79
Total	503

Table 2 - Demonstration (Non Crime) – May 2025

Region	May 2025
Dublin Region	97
Eastern Region	15
North Western Region	10
Southern Region	32
Grand Total	154

Policing at Events

The planning for, resourcing and policing of major events continues to provide a challenge in terms of policing resources. The month of May 2025 marked a particularly busy month for policing, security and traffic management. In addition to a number of sporting events, there were a number of summer social events that attracted a significant number of people to Dublin City Centre. These events included Bloom and the Forbidden Fruits festivals.

Roads Policing

An Garda Síochána continues to respond to road safety challenges. In May 2025, 15 people died in fatal collisions. There were 90 serious injury collisions reported in May 2025.

An Garda Síochána continues to implement the 30-minute roads policing initiative which was introduced in April 2024 to increase visibility on our roads. In May 2025, there were 4,788 MIT checkpoints conducted.

There was an average of approximately nine arrests per day nationally for driving under the influence of drugs, 14 per day for driving under the influence of alcohol and more than 2,600 vehicles seized under the provisions of Section 41 of the Road Traffic Act in May 2025.

	May 2025
Mobile Phone FCNs	1,722
Seatbelt FCNs	519
Intercept Speed FCNs	3,535
Non-Intercept Speed FCNs	8,996
Total Speed FCNs	12,531

Driving While Intoxicated*	686
Driving While Intoxicated - alcohol as a factor	417
Driving While Intoxicated - drugs as a factor	248

Section 41 Detentions	May 2025
Vehicle Detained (Sc. 41 RTA)**	2,612
Vehicle Detained (Sc. 41 RTA) - no ins.	1,508
Vehicle Detained (Sc. 41 RTA) - no tax	918
Vehicle Detained (Sc. 41 RTA) - no NCT	455
Vehicle Detained (Sc. 41 RTA) - unaccompanied learner drivers	608

MIT Checkpoints - Breath/Oral Fluid Tests	May 2025
MIT Checkpoints - Breath Tests performed	18,641
MIT Checkpoints - Oral Fluid Tests performed	923

* Driving While Intoxicated excludes incidents of type 'Driver Under the Limit (No Offence Disclosed)' and 'In Charge Under The Limit (No Offence Disclosed)'.

** It is important to note that vehicles may be detained under S.41 of the Road Traffic Act for more than one reason.

Information contained in this section is based upon operational data from the Pulse and FCPS systems as was available on 04/06/2025 and is liable to change. Crime counting rules were not applied.

7. Community Engagement

Late Night Leagues

Throughout May 2025, An Garda Síochána and the Football Association of Ireland Youth Diversion Late Night Leagues - in co-operation with the Youth Diversion Projects - took place over the course of four Saturdays at the South Dublin Football League Astro Pitch, Lucan, County Dublin.

The Leagues were run in conjunction with the Graft & Valley Youth Diversion Projects, Ronanstown Community Policing & Juvenile Liaison Officers, St. Patrick's Athletic Football Club and the Football Association of Ireland. Sponsorship was provided by Liffey Valley Shopping Centre & Bidvest Noonan that was sourced by the Graft & Valley Youth Projects.

The finals took place on 24th May 2025 and involved different age groups. Prizes were awarded to the winning team as well as one youth in each age cohort who stood out for their behaviour and fair play over the course of the four weeks.

The Youth Diversion Late Night Leagues continues to be a success in providing a route away from Anti-Social Behaviour through football for young people. Planning and preparation is already underway for the Late Night Youth Diversion Leagues in co-operation with Youth Diversion Projects in November 2025.

The launch of YJARC Diamond Project

On 30 May 2025, members of the GNYDB attended the official launch of the YJARC (Youth Joint Agency Response to Crime) Diamond Project in Belvedere Youth Club in Dublin 1. The launch was attended by the Minister for Justice, Assistant Commissioner, Roads Policing & Community Engagement, Members from Garda National Community Engagement Bureau, the President of the District Court as well as senior management and JLOs from DMR North Central Division.

The Diamond Project is a youth justice project in the Dublin north inner city that uses a community and joint agency response to crime while also being guided by restorative practices, strengths-based and collaborative approaches.

Central to this approach is to support and work with the young person rather than doing things for them. An Garda Síochána, through the Diversion Programme and local Juvenile Liaison Officers, are central to this youth joint agency response to crime initiative.