



An Garda Síochána

Monthly Report for July 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 July 2025, in accordance with Section 133(1) of the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act, 2024.

Yours sincerely,

**THELMA WATTERS
CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE**

25 August 2025

Message from the Commissioner

This month, on behalf of everyone in An Garda Síochána, I want to congratulate Deputy Commissioner Justin Kelly on being appointed the next Garda Commissioner by the Government. Justin has over 30 years of dedicated and highly professional service in An Garda Síochána, holding many significant portfolios preventing and tackling crime and terrorism.

This has included senior roles in the areas of national security, cyber-crime, organised crime, and domestic and sexual violence.

His extensive experience and expertise in leading a wide range of operational and organisational areas will be of immeasurable benefit to him as Commissioner.

Personally, I wish him and his family well and all the best in leading this great organisation, and continuing its mission of keeping people safe.

Operational activities continued and during this month these included the high profile arrest of a suspect by the Garda National Economic Crime Bureau on foot of an extradition warrant under Operation SKEIN (Jackal) on 28 July 2025. The suspect was extradited from the United States of America with the assistance of Interpol and US authorities.

I was pleased to welcome the Minister for Justice Jim O'Callaghan, Home Affairs and Migration, and Minister of State at the OPW Kevin Boxer Moran to Garda Headquarters for the re-opening of J Block, following significant works to improve the facilities and restore this historic building.

Efforts in the area of road safety continue and on 31 July 2025 we launched our August Bank Holiday Road Safety Campaign with the Road Safety Authority and Minister of State Sean Canney TD. 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 alcohol or drugs.

As this is my last report to the Policing and Community Safety Authority, I want to acknowledge the support received from the Authority and its predecessor, the Policing Authority, and the constructive working relationship.

Thank you also for your support to me personally in my role as Commissioner over the past seven years. It has been a privilege and an honour to work with you and to serve the people of Ireland, and I wish you well for the future.

Drew Harris
Commissioner

1. Financial Expenditure and Receipts

	2025 Allocation €'000	Expenditure/Receipts end July €'000	Remaining Aug-Dec €'000	Remaining %
Gross Total	2,480,453	1,475,784	1,004,669	41%
Appropriation in Aid (receipts)	113,500	90,094	23,406	21%
Net Total	2,366,953	1,385,690	981,263	

An Garda Síochána has a gross allocation for 2025 of €2.48b, split between €2.31b operating budget (current) and €173.1m capital expenditure. In addition, €16.59m of capital funding has been carried forward from 2024 into 2025. At the end of July 2025, total gross expenditure is €1.48b (59% of allocation) and receipts are €90.09m (79% of allocated).

- Pay (including Garda College) in July 2025 is €964.92m year to date (YTD), which is €27.24m over the budget profile of €937.69m.
- Non-pay (including Garda College) in July 2025 (YTD) is €165.25m, which is €13.04m over the budget profile of €152.21m.
- Capital in July 2025 (YTD) is €85.38m, which is €12.10m over the budget profile of €73.28m (YTD). Note: deferred capital of €16.59m is excluded.
- Appropriations in Aid in July 2025 (YTD) of €90.18m is €22.98m over budget profile of €67.2m.

Overall, July 2025 net expenditure is over budget profile by €23.48m. However, there has been significant overspend in overtime which is under review. In addition, there is overspend in compensation, premises expenses, towing expenses, with under spend in superannuation costs, clothing, road traffic equipment, along with higher receipts in Appropriations in Aid.

An Garda Síochána meets frequently with the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform throughout 2025 as part of the Garda Budgetary Oversight and Resourcing Group, to present the current status on overtime and to discuss the plans to curtail.

The five largest drivers of overtime year to date are crime investigation (23%), other recurring (19%), court (14%), crime prevention (13%) and briefing time (10%). Court and pre-tour briefing time are not in the direct control of An Garda Síochána management. Proactive management of overtime, including a regional focus, is ongoing, with a particular emphasis on the drivers 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.

2. People and Development

Garda Member Re-Joiners

On 15 July 2025, five former members were re-attested in a ceremony in Garda Headquarters and are now undertaking active duty in An Garda Síochána.

The Strength of Garda Personnel

As at 31 July 2025, Garda member strength stood at 14,254 and the Garda Staff strength stood at 3,672. A full breakdown by rank, grade and gender is outlined below.

Garda Member Strengths as at 31 July 2025

Rank	As at 31 July 2025	Male	%	Female	%	WTE
Commissioner	1	1	100	0	0	1
Deputy Commissioner	2	1	50	1	50	2
Assistant Commissioner	7	3	43	4	57	7
Chief Superintendent	48	39	81	9	19	48
Superintendent	162	134	83	28	17	162
Inspector	477	377	79	100	21	477
Sergeant	2,197	1,653	75	544	25	2,195.5
Garda	11,360	7,956	70	3,404	30	11,326.5
Total	14,254	10,164	71	4,090	29	14,219

Of which	As at 31 July 2025	Male	%	Female	%
Career Breaks (incl. ICB)	34	19	55.9	15	44.1
Work-sharing	35	0.5	1.4	34.5	98.6
Secondments (Overseas etc.)	45	29	64	16	36
Maternity Leave	40	0	100	40	100
Unpaid Maternity Leave	0	0	0	0	0
Paternity Leave	26	26	100	0	0
Available Strength	14,074	10,089.5	71.7	3,984.5	28.3

Garda Reserves Strength As at 31 July 2025	Total	Male	%	Female	%
	296	229	77	67	23

Garda Staff Strengths as at 31 July 2025

Grade	Total	WTE	Male	%	Female	%
CCO	1	1	0	0	1	100
Executive Director	4	4	1	25	3	75
Chief Medical Officer	1	1	1	100	0	0
Director	2	2	1	50	1	50
PO	31	31	18	58.1	13	41.9
AP	118	117.8	58	49.2	60	50.8
HEO	240	239	94	39.2	146	60.8
AO	18	18	8	44.4	10	55.6
EO	854	843.8	282	33	572	67
CO	2,047	1,981.1	551	26.9	1,496	73.1
Total	3,316	3,238.7	1,014	30.6	2,302	69.4
	Total	WTE*	Male	%	Female	%
Professional/Technical (including Chief Medical Officer)	67	66.8	32	47.8	35	52.2
Administrative ***	3,315	3,237.7	1,013	30.6	2,302	69.4
Industrial/Non Industrial	290	191.8	94	32.4	196	67.6
Total	3,672	3,496.3	1,139	31	2,533	69
Of which	Total	WTE*	Male	%	Female	%
Maternity Leave	25	25	0	0	25	100
Unpaid Maternity Leave	6	6	0	0	6	100
Paternity Leave	0	0	0	0	0	0
Available Total	3,641	3465.3	1,139	31.3	2,502	68.7

* WTE = Whole time equivalent – Garda Staff work on a number of different work-sharing patterns.

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

*** Civil Service grades and other administrative posts.

Work Sharing	Total	WTE	Male	%	Female	%
	241	77.5	12	5	229	95

*** Work-sharing figure excludes industrial/non-industrial staff. Many posts are part-time.

Career Breaks****	Total	WTE	Male	%	Female	%
	26	26	9	35	17	65

**** Staff on career breaks are not included in total Garda strengths above.

3. Corporate Communications

Throughout the month of August 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 and issued communications in support of operational activities across the organisation. This included updates in respect of a search operation conducted by Gardaí investigating the disappearance and murder of Fiona Sinnott in February 1998; and in respect of an attack on Gardaí on Capel Street on 29 July 2025.

Detective Superintendent Derek Maguire conducted a media briefing at the Criminal Courts of Justice following the conviction and sentencing of a man to eight years in prison in connection with serious offences, including participating in the activities of a criminal organisation, organised prostitution, several counts of brothel keeping, money laundering, as well as the use of various false instruments. The purpose of the media briefing was to reach out to victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation in prostitution, and encourage them to come forward and speak with An Garda Síochána.

Further to this, the Office of Corporate Communications facilitated an August Bank Holiday Weekend Road Safety Campaign with Sean Canney TD, the Minister of State at the Department of Transport and the Road Safety Authority on 31 July 2025 in Claremorris, Co. Mayo.

Media Briefing: Joint Task Force interdiction of MV Matthew in Haulbowline Naval Base, Co. Cork, 5 July, 2025



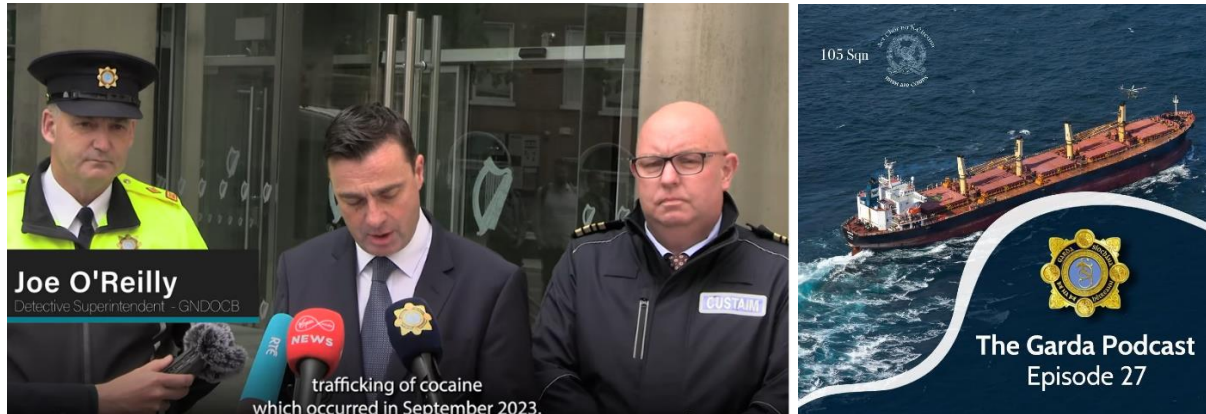
Angela Willis, Assistant Commissioner for Organised and Serious Crime, speaks to media at Haulbowline Naval Base, Co. Cork.

A communications plan was developed to highlight the Joint Task Force Operation which led to the sentencing of eight suspects to between 13.5 and 20 years in connection with the detention of the MV MATTHEW, and associated events in September 2023.

This included the holding of a media briefing following the sentencing hearing at the Special Criminal Court, Criminal Courts of Justice, Dublin on Friday 4 July 2025.

A Joint Media Briefing was also conducted with representatives of the Joint Task Force comprising members of the Revenue Customs Service, Naval Service and An Garda Síochána at Haulbowline Naval Base, Co. Cork on 5 July 2025. This briefing was also attended by senior representatives of INTERPOL and the Maritime Analysis and Operations Centre (Narcotics) (MAOC(N)).

In support of this activity, a social media video was prepared and shared across social media channels, and has been viewed 1,276,447 times. Meanwhile, an episode of the Garda Podcast, with a bonus episode featuring the video content, was created. These podcasts featured in the top Irish Apple and Spotify charts nationally, and also featured in the top 30 trending podcasts in Ireland on Spotify.



Detective Superintendent Joe O'Reilly speaks to media outside the CCJ following the sentencing of eight individuals in connection with the seizure of 2.2 tonnes of Cocaine aboard the MV Matthew.

Media Briefing: Criminal Courts of Justice 16 July, 2025



Paul Cleary, Assistant Commissioner, Dublin Metropolitan Region speaks to media at the CCJ following the sentencing of a suspect in connection with a significant drug and cash seizure. Also pictured is Detective Inspector Ken Holohan, Garda National Drugs and Organised Crime Bureau.

This office facilitated a media briefing at the Criminal Courts of Justice on 16 July 2025, highlighting the successful operation conducted by the Dublin Crime Response Team (DCRT) which yielded a seizure just short of €9m in suspected drugs and over €1m in cash (pictured above). The briefing followed the sentencing of a suspect in connection with this seizure, and served to highlight the dangers and consequences of getting involved in the sale and supply of drugs.

Media Briefing: Public Awareness for August Bank Holiday Weekend, 31 July 2025



*Left: Chief Superintendent Ray McMahon with Minister of State at the Department of Transport, Sean Canney and Sarah O'Connor of the RSA, speaking to media in Claremorris, Co. Mayo.
Right: graphic to promote new speed camera in operation.*

In support of road safety awareness, this office facilitated a media briefing with the Minister of State at the Department of Transport, Sean Canney and Sarah O'Connor of the Road Safety Authority on 31 July 2025 at the N17 in Claremorris, Co Mayo.

Also in July 2025, the Office of Corporate Communications provided public information via social media and press release to highlight the introduction of a new static safety camera which comes into effect on 1 August 2025. The static safety camera will be operational at Dolphin's Barn, Dublin 12 from 1 August 2025, and public awareness was issued from 28 July 2025 in support of our ongoing commitment to save lives on our roads.

An Garda Síochána continue to appeal to all road users to never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs, to slow down and always choose a speed that is appropriate to the driving conditions, to wear your seatbelt and always keep your eyes on the road.

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 156 press releases, including 64 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 July 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	430,185	1.10%
 Facebook – Missing Persons	30,185	1.16%
 Instagram - @GardaInsta	252,317	2.68%
 X- @GardaInfo	298,671	4.49%
 X - @GardaTraffic	632,868	7.57%
 LinkedIn – An Garda Síochána	80,334	9.76%
 TikTok – @GardaInfo	70,041	10.67%

Internal Communications

In July 2025, An Garda Síochána Internal Communications Team delivered nine issues of Newsbeat, one leadership update and one important announcement. The average Newsbeat open rate is 66%. This is higher than the industry standard open rate of 57.17% for internal newsletters, and the 52.26% average within Government and Public Service organisations.

NEWSBEAT



29 July 2025

Message from Commissioner Harris on the appointment of our next Garda Commissioner



NEWSBEAT



17 July 2025

Our Corporate Identity

An Garda Síochána has refreshed our corporate identity to ensure consistency. Our corporate identity is essentially our brand.

A corporate identity guideline document and corporate identity assets are now available to all Garda personnel. The aim of providing these resources is to maintain regularity in the use of the Garda Crest and An Garda Síochána's corporate identity across all representations of our organisation.

These corporate identity guidelines are based on a number of policies and HQ Directives. Some of these guidelines may appear quite technical, but they will be clearly understandable to designers and partners.



4. Operating Model

All 21 Garda divisions are now operating under the Operating Model Four Functional Area structures.

The four regional offices have commenced implementation of standardised processes. HR processes will commence in early course across all four regional offices.

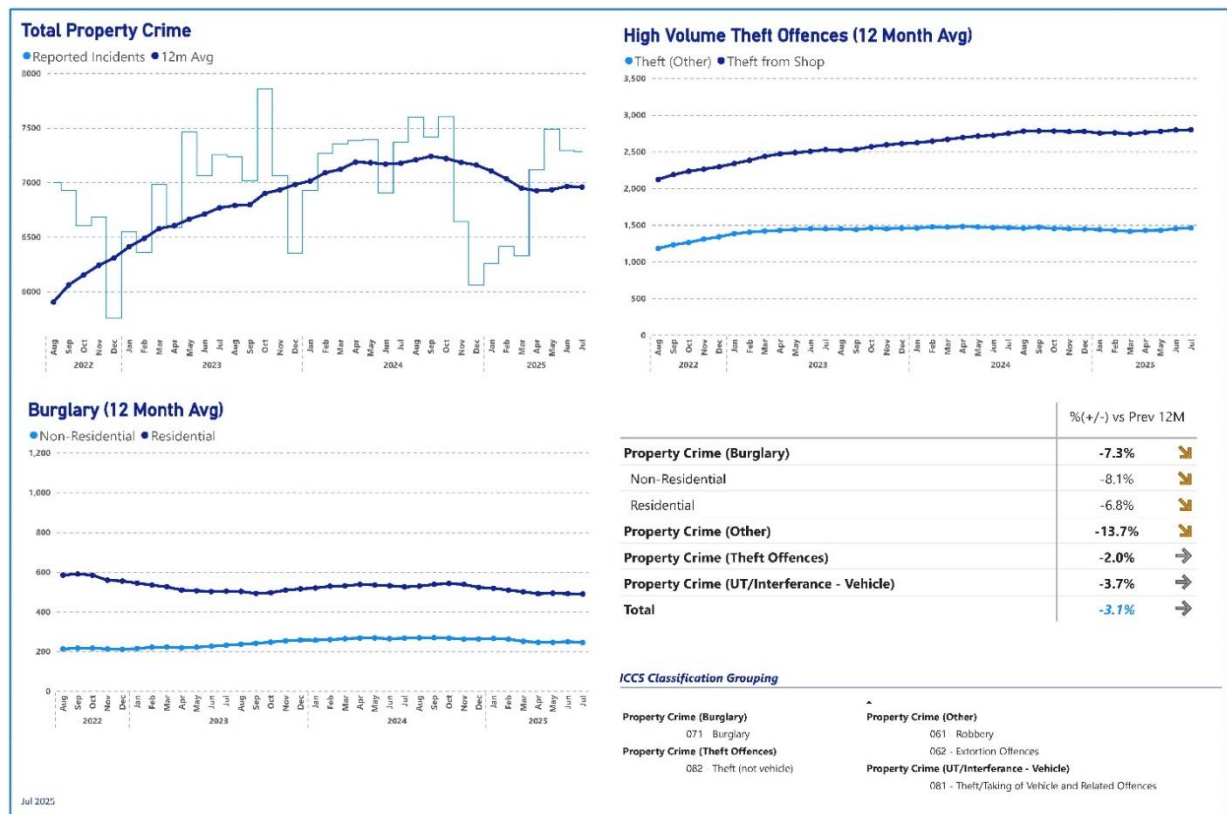
National functions have been engaged and presented with a common 'national blueprint design'. Feedback has been received around the business areas and governance processes from each national function and consultation is ongoing with those Bureaus to finalise the design.

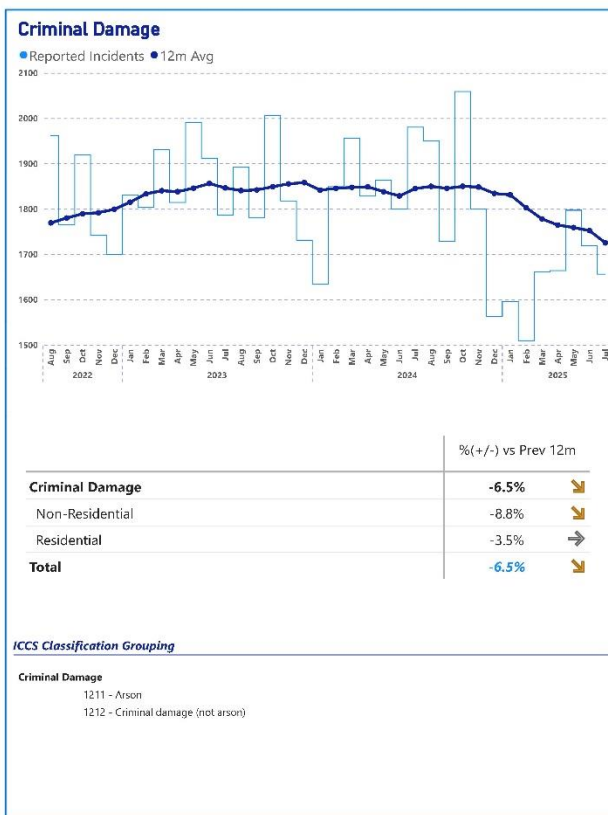
Further work is commencing to standardise administrative processes and work flows across all divisions.

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 July 2025

Category	July 2025
Total UOF for Month	1,131
Civilians Injured	26
Garda Members Injured	10
Pepper Spray Deployed	127
Batons	23
Handcuffs	1,065
Anti-Spit Guard	0
Unarmed Restraint	163
Taser	3
Less Lethal Firearm	1
Firearm	0
Gender Subject to Force – Male	898
Gender Subject to Force – Female	145
Drugs Involved	303
Alcohol Involved	662
Division with highest level UOF – DMR South Central	223
Percentage of UOF Deployments occurring Friday, Saturday and Sunday	49%

6. Policing Challenges

Demonstrations

An Garda Síochána provided a policing response, including traffic management, at 92 protests/demonstrations across the DMR during July 2025. Nine arrests were made for public order offences at an anti-immigration and Israel/Palestine protest in the city centre. On 19 July 2025, a national march for Palestine from O'Connell Street to Molesworth Street was peaceful, with upwards of 12,000 participants, organised by the Ireland-Palestine Solidarity Campaign (IPSC). The Israel/Palestine conflict and anti-immigration/housing of refugees continue to be the main themes of protests/demonstrations.

Table 1 - Demonstration (Non Crime) – 2025 YTD

Region	2025 YTD
Dublin Region	500
Eastern Region	85
North Western Region	55
Southern Region	116
Total	756

Table 2 - Demonstration (Non Crime) – July 2025

Region	July 2025
Dublin Region	87
Eastern Region	13
North Western Region	11
Southern Region	16
Grand Total	127

**Data above as was present on the PULSE database on the morning of 5 August 2025 was drawn down, tallying all incidents of type: demonstrations (non-crime), barring invalid incidents between 1 January 2025 and 31 July 2025. The data contained herein is operational and subject to change.*

Policing at Events

July 2025 marked a particularly busy month for policing, security and traffic management. A number of sporting events, concerts and summer social events and festivals attracted a significant number of people to Dublin City Centre. The All-Ireland Football Final and All-Ireland Hurling Final drew 82,300 spectators for each match to Croke Park. This required a greater Garda presence around the city centre to facilitate fans' attendance and ensure the safe enjoyment of the events.

Roads Policing

An Garda Síochána continues to respond to road safety challenges. In July 2025, 15 people died in fatal collisions. There were 83 serious injury collisions reported in July 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.

Independent Review of Roads Policing

In the course of a public meeting between the Policing and Community Safety Authority, and the Commissioner on 31 July 2025, discussion arose on the progress with dealing with key findings of an independent review of roads policing by members of Roads Policing Units, following receipt of anonymous correspondence in June 2023. That anonymous correspondence had also been shared by the author with the Road Safety Authority, the Policing Authority and RTÉ Investigates.

Having provided the anonymous communication to each Regional Assistant Commissioner, it was requested that each Assistant Commissioner and Divisional Officer ensure the effectiveness of Roads Policing teams, and utilise the PAF process with focus on life saver offences.

With consideration to the risk and the nature of the allegations, it was considered that an independent examination was essential. Having consulted with the Staff Associations in August 2024, the independent review by Crowe consultants commenced in six Garda divisions.

A completed report was submitted for my views in March 2025, following which a Steering Group was established under Deputy Commissioner, Policing Operations and a working group was established under Assistant Commissioner, Roads Policing and Community Engagement.

In May 2025, in accordance with my obligations under the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act, 2024, the findings of the Crowe Report were shared with the Department of Justice, the Policing and Community Safety Authority, and the Garda Board. Following this, it was raised at the public meeting in July 2025, which led to substantial media commentary. As you are aware, the report has since been made public. An Garda Síochána management team are continuing, through the Steering Group and local Garda management, to address the issues highlighted.

Since 2022, over €5million has been spent on new policing fleet, with an additional 16 vehicles due to be deployed throughout 2025. This fleet includes high performance vehicles fitted with cutting edge systems and a number of unmarked motorcycles. Other significant investment in roads policing units, of over €1.6million, includes the purchase of Dynamometers, 8,000 tyre depth key rings, 350 calibrated tyre depth gauges, 100 'Tintman' to measure glass tint, a speed detection device is available in each Roads Policing vehicle, and that Forensic Collision Investigation and PSV investigation equipment is to a high standard.

The Traffic App has been introduced for the over 15,700 mobility devices. In 2024/2025, ability insurance status of a vehicle added for private and fleet policies. In 2024, the Traffic App has 1,440 daily active users, 4,540 weekly active users and 7,360 monthly users. The ANPR App was developed and the use of ANPR technologies has been increased throughout the Garda Fleet, from less than 70 operational vehicles five years ago to over 140 vehicles today. Implementation has concluded of phase one of a national safety camera network, with the nine static and three average speed cameras now fully operational, at €3.8million. Additional GoSAFE hours contracted from May 2024 to October 2025 have a costing of €5.1million.

Roads Policing competitions took place within An Garda Síochána in four regions in 2024. Between 2024 and 2025, 49 Gardaí have been allocated to Roads Policing and more will be allocated in 2025. In-person induction briefing has also been developed for all new Roads Policing members.

Roads Policing Enforcement – July 2025

In July 2025, there were 3,687 MIT checkpoints conducted. There was an average of approximately eight arrests per day nationally for driving under the influence of drugs, 12 per day for driving under the influence of alcohol and more than 2,700 vehicles were seized under the provisions of Section 41 of the Road Traffic Act in July 2025.

	July 2025
Mobile Phone FCNs	1,795
Seatbelt FCNs	533
Intercept Speed FCNs	2,478
Non-Intercept Speed FCNs	12,320
Total Speed FCNs	14,798
Driving While Intoxicated*	607
Driving While Intoxicated - alcohol as a factor	359
Driving While Intoxicated - drugs as a factor	231
Driving While Intoxicated – alcohol and drugs as a factor	17
Section 41 Detentions	July 2025
Vehicle Detained (Sc. 41 RTA)**	2,750
Vehicle Detained (Sc. 41 RTA) - no ins.	1,687
Vehicle Detained (Sc. 41 RTA) - no tax	969
Vehicle Detained (Sc. 41 RTA) - no NCT	468
Vehicle Detained (Sc. 41 RTA) - unaccompanied learner drivers	602

MIT Checkpoints - Breath/Oral Fluid Tests	July 2025
MIT Checkpoints - Breath Tests performed	11,279
MIT Checkpoints - Oral Fluid Tests performed	574

* “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 5 August 2025 for FCPS and is liable to change. Crime counting rules were not applied.

7. Community Engagement

Presumptive Drug Test Pilot

On 2 July 2025, following collaboration with Forensic Science Ireland (FSI) and the Garda National Drugs and Organised Crime Bureau, the Garda National Youth Diversion Bureau (GNYDB) commenced a pilot enabling a presumptive drug test (PDT) to be used in place of an FSI Certificate of Analysis, in cases involving youth referrals to the Diversion Programme, for the offence of 'Possession of Drug for the Purpose of Sale or Supply' contrary to Section 15 of the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1977 and Section 27 (3) of the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1977, as substituted by Section 6 of the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1984. This is in addition to its current use for offences contrary to Section 3 of the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1984 in certain circumstances. The pilot will assist the Director of the Diversion Programme in establishing *prima facie* evidence at an early stage, allowing for the disposal of youth referrals in a timely manner for drugs offences and to reduce the burden of work for FSI.

The circumstances in which a PDT can be used in place of an FSI Cert of Analysis are as follows:

- The substance seized is suspected to be cannabis herb, cannabis resin or cocaine.
- The child has taken responsibility and admitted that they believe the substance is cannabis herb, cannabis resin or cocaine.
- The market value of the drugs does not exceed €1,500 for cannabis herb or cannabis resin and €500 for cocaine.
- The PDT is only for use to assist in the consideration of the child by the Director of the Diversion Programme for admission to the programme, in accordance with the provisions of the Children Act 2001. Where the Director deems a child unsuitable for admission to the Diversion Programme, an FSI Certificate of Analysis is required for any subsequent consideration of a prosecution.

This pilot will be reviewed by the Garda National Youth Diversion Bureau after six months of its commencement, to identify if efficiencies have been made in the youth referral process for the drugs offences subject to the pilot.

Irish Rule of Law International (IRLI) study visit

From 7 - 11 July 2025, as part of the Irish Rule of Law International (IRLI) study visit, the Garda National Youth Diversion Bureau hosted Officer Esau Kamwendo of the Malawi National Police Service Officer Kamwendo, who is the child protection lead for his police service, and oversees all matters related to child offenders and diversion in Malawi. Officer Kamwendo was provided with the opportunity to both learn and observe the Irish Youth Justice System in practice, which included visits to the Garda National Youth Diversion Bureau in Garda Headquarters, the Children Court in Smithfield and the Probation Service. Officer Kamwendo undertook a site visit to a Youth Diversion Project where he saw the practice of youth diversion in action. He also had meetings with personnel from both the Garda National Protective Services Bureau and the Garda National Community Engagement Bureau in areas of mutual interest. This was the first time that a police officer had accompanied a member of the Malawi judiciary on an IRLI study visit to Ireland. The visit was a great success and Officer Kamwendo provided excellent feedback.



Left to right: Sergeant Órla Madden, GNYDB, Officer Esau Kamwendo, Malawi National Police Service and Ronan McLoughlin, Irish Probation Service.

National Rural Safety Forum at the Bannow and Rathangan Agricultural Show

On 10 July 2025, the Garda National Crime Prevention Unit represented the National Rural Safety Forum at the Bannow and Rathangan Agricultural Show. The Garda National Crime Prevention Unit engaged with members of the public, providing practical and effective crime prevention advice, and promoted the National Rural Safety Forum (NRSF). The forum objective is to develop a nationwide network for the distribution of consistent, highly effective crime prevention advice, while also increasing engagement within communities and reducing the opportunities for crime.



Left to right - Sergeant Louise Duffy, Sergeant Edward Wilde and Sergeant Mark Bolger.

Operation Tara

On 16 July 2025, Gardaí in the Dublin Metropolitan Region arrested one suspect as part of Operation Tara. Following a traffic stop, the suspected offender was found in possession of approximately €10,000 worth of suspected cannabis herb, concealed in a bag in the vehicle. A follow-up search was conducted, where approximately €500,000 of suspected cocaine and cannabis herb were located. The suspected offender was detained and subsequently charged with drug offences, and was remanded in prison.

Drug Operation in the North Western Region

On 25 July 2025, a drug operation was put in place to detect the possession, sale and supply of controlled drugs at an event in the North Western Region. With the assistance of the Regional Dog Unit, Community Policing, Local Units and the Garda Reserves, there were ten detections for simple possession under Section 3 of the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1977/1984. There was one obstruction incident under the Misuse of Drugs Act and a number of illicit drugs were seized after being discarded due to the policing operation.

Acts of bravery displayed by serving Gardaí in the Southern Region

There were two separate incidents at the rivers Shannon and Fergus, whereby two people were saved from drowning by heroic acts of bravery displayed by serving Gardaí in the Southern Region. In the first instance, Gardaí used a lifebuoy and managed to prevent a person from being pulled away by a strong current while the second successful rescue was made when a serving member, without hesitation, jumped into the river to save another person and return them to the safety of shore, ably assisted by a member of the public. In both cases, the assistance of the public in locating the drowning people was just as crucial as the emergency services standing-by to convey the people to hospital for further treatment. Lifebuoys were also essential tools in helping to save their lives. The loss of life was prevented in both cases and the professionalism and strength of character shown by these courageous members should inspire us, as we strive to apply our mission to keep people safe in the course of our daily duties.