

Public Consultation Plan for the Development of first Sligo Community Safety Plan

July 2026

[The Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024](#), was commenced in April, 2025 by The Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, Jim O'Callaghan. Part 3 of this Act relates to **community safety** and provides for the establishment of local and national infrastructure to support the new approach to community safety, including Local Community Safety Partnerships (LCSPs) which will operate at each local authority level. The Policing, Security and Community Safety Act also provides for the establishment of the [National Office for Community Safety](#).

Minister O'Callaghan signed [Regulations](#) for the establishment of Local Community Safety Partnerships under the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act and these came into operation in June, 2025.

A Guidance Document for the Operation of Local Community Safety Partnership was received from the National Office for Community Safety in July, 2025. This document, in tandem with the regulations, provides a framework for the establishment and operation of Local Community Safety Partnerships [Guidance for the Operation of Local Community Safety Partnerships](#)

As outlined in the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration's [Community Safety Policy](#), **community safety is about people being safe and feeling safe in their own communities**. The Department developed this Community Safety Policy based on a key principle identified in the 2018 report by the [Commission on the Future of Policing](#) (CoFPI), that policing is not the responsibility of An Garda Síochána alone and that a strategic partnership approach, which brings together a range of service providers and the community, will have a significant impact on helping people be and feel more secure in their communities.

Further information available here www.gov.ie/communitysafety

Development of National Strategy for Improving Community Safety

The National Office for Community Safety are currently developing Ireland's first National Strategy for Improving Community Safety as part of the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024 and this is expected to be published in Quarter 4 2026.

Sligo Local Community Safety Plan

Each Safety Partnership is required to develop and adopt, during its term, a plan to improve community safety in its functional area having regard to the National Strategy (when available) and in accordance with the Guide for Local Community Safety Partnerships Developing, Delivering and Reviewing a Local Community Safety Plan from the National Office.

The purpose of each Community Safety Plan is to build a solid foundation in the partnership area for working together with all stakeholders to maintain and enhance community safety.

Quarter 3 & 4 2025	Establishment of the LCSP Structure
September – December 2026	• Chair, Vice Chair, and Community Safety Coordinator appointed • LCSP formally established in Sligo • The inaugural meeting of the Sligo LCSP took place on the 8 December, 2025. • Operational documents adopted • Community representation process initiated (PPN call) • Partnership now preparing to develop the 2026 Community Safety Plan
Quarter 1 2026	Phase 1 Preparation for development of CSP
January 2026	• Establishment of Regional Co-ordinator networks for sharing experiences • Internal and external networking • Stakeholders meetings • NOCS - LCSP Team engagement session
February 2026	• First networking and engagement session for Chairs, Coordinators and Administrators of Chairs, Coordinators and Administrators of Local Community Safety Partnerships. • Members community safety survey circulated • Launch of National Community Safety Survey which was part of developing the National Strategy
March 2026	• Sligo LCSP Plenary meeting – 23 March 2026 • Members community safety survey circulated • Members survey results • Road Safety Conference • NOCS - LCSP Team engagement session
Quarter 2 2026	Phase 1 Preparation for development of CSP
April 2026	• Mapping exercise of community safety initiatives across the partnership. • Re-open Members Community Safety Survey • Networking with other LCSP's re: development of CSP • NOCS - LCSP Team engagement session • Review of a Guide for LCSP's on developing, delivering and reviewing the Community Safety Plan issued by NOCS
May 2026	• Sligo LCSP Plenary meeting – 28 May 2026 • Establishment of the Community Safety Plan Subgroup • Community Safety Fund application on behalf of Sligo BIDS for the employment of a Public Spaces Co-Ordinator. • National Office Engagement for Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons • PPN Plenary Community Expo and Community Research Launch Event
June 2026	• Continuing work on Survey and start of the public consultation process including advertisement, social media, meetings, focus groups, etc

	- Draft priority areas for Sligo being examined taking the following documents into consideration for guidance - the 3 pilot community safety plans and the rural safety plan into consideration for guidance on developing the Sligo CSP - NOCS - LCSP Team engagement session
Quarter 3 2026	Phase 2 Engagement – Page 15 of Plan Guide
July to September 2026	- First Community Safety Plan Working Group meeting – 7 July - Start of Public consultation process under Phase 2 Engagement. This process is a statutory requirement and a core principle of the Safety Partnership model. The purpose of consultation is to identify local community safety priorities directly from residents, community groups, and stakeholders. - This public consultation will be launched with the survey opening to the public on 10 July 2026 and will be live for 10 weeks until 18 September 2026 and public consultation meetings to be held in Tubbercurry Ballymote MD, Sligo Strandhill MD and Sligo Drumcliffe MD - A total of 10 public consultations/meetings took place in July and August 2026 - Paper copies of this survey will also be available at libraries and public offices throughout Sligo. - A separate Communication Plan to be developed – Page 20 of Plan Guide - NOCS - LCSP Team engagement session - Advertisement for External consultant to develop and draft the CSP - Sligo LCSP Plenary Meeting 07 September 2026
Quarter 4 2026	Phase 2 Engagement – Page 15 of Plan Guide Public Engagement - Stakeholder Consultation, Facilitated Workshops, Public LCSP Meeting and Closed Elected Members LCSP Meeting Phase 3 Development - Page 20 of Plan Guide
October to December 2026	- Facilitated Workshops - TBD - Public LCSP Meeting - Closed Elected Members LCSP Meeting

	• Analysis of data from public consultation • Outcomes and action plan reports from facilitated workshops • Targets and Actions of the CSP • Drafting of first Sligo Community Safety Plan taking the National Strategy for Improving Community Safety into consideration (when available) • Adoption of Plan (subject to publishing of National Strategy)
2027 and ongoing	Launch of Plan by LCSP members Measurement of Targets and actions of the CSP

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