

## **Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP)**

### **Purpose of LCSP:**

To improve safety and wellbeing in communities through a whole-of-government, collaborative, and community-led approach.

### **Legal Foundation**

- Established under the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024
- Replaces Joint Policing Committees (JPCs)

### **Functions of LCSPs**

- Act as a forum for discussion
- Develop and implement 3-year Community Safety Plans
- Multi-Agency Collaboration
- Public consultation process for Local Community Safety Plans
- Implement local community safety plans
- Monitor and review implementation
- Collaborate with stakeholders
- Provide views on local policing plans
- Host public meetings
- Local Community Safety Fora
- Reporting

### **Objectives & Outcomes**

- Prioritise issues identified by the community as safety concerns;
- Ensure community engagement and representation on Safety Partnerships;
- Develop a Local Community Safety Plan which will reflect priorities identified by the community;
- Improve multi-agency collaboration in the Safety Partnership area;
- 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.

### **Guiding Principles**

- A Whole-of-Government Approach
- Collaboration & Partnership
- Harm Prevention
- Targeted Support for Disadvantaged Communities
- A Participative Approach
- Social Inclusion
- Accountability

- Evidence-Based Approach
- Respect/Recognition of Experience and Contribution of All members

### **Structure of LCSP**



The core structure of the Safety Partnership is outlined in the figure above and will have a maximum of 30 members.

- **Elected Members (7 no)**
- **Public sector reps (Local Authority, Gardaí, HSE, Tusla)**
- **Education**
- **Business**
- **Residents Associations**
- **Community reps (including youth, new and minority communities, social inclusion/C&V sector)**
- **Other areas of expertise**

#### ***To Note:***

When selecting community representatives for LCSP's, particularly residents, due regard should be given to the broader socio-economic context of the Safety Partnership area. This includes consideration of factors such as levels of disadvantage, social exclusion, and the demographic composition of the community. It is particularly important to assess whether certain groups within the community, who may be adversely affected by issues relating to community safety, are underrepresented in local decision-making structures. These may include young people, new and minority communities, people of ethnic minority background, persons with disabilities, Age-Friendly groups, LGBTQI community, those experiencing social and economic disadvantage or other social inclusion communities

#### **Additional Members**

- Nominee of Minister for Justice, Home Affairs & Migration (DJHAM) per 2024 Expressions of Interest for Chair of LCSP
- Consideration should also be given for example:
  - \* Local Development companies
  - \* Probation Services

- \* Regional or Local Drug and Alcohol Task Forces
- \* Domestic, Sexual and Gender Based Violence (DSGBV)
- \* Family Resource Centres
- \* Children and Young Persons Services Committee (CYPSC)

### **Gender Balance and Diversity**

LCSP's should strive to be representative of the different communities in their functional area. This includes having due regard to gender balance and diversity in the membership and the different geographic areas in the functional area.

### **Chair & Vice Chair**

- Elected by Partnership members
- Serve 3-year terms
- Lead meetings, strategy, and community engagement

### **Meetings**

Minimum:

- 4 quarterly meetings
- 1 public meeting
- 1 closed meeting for elected reps and Members of the Oireachtas
- Governed by Standing Orders and Terms of Reference

### **Staffing & Support**

- Each LCSP has a Community Safety Coordinator (Grade VII) and Administrator (Grade IV)
- Salaries Funded by Department of Justice

### **Community Engagement**

- Inclusive participation encouraged
- Use of Public Participation Networks (PPNs)
- Youth voice via Comhairle na nÓg and other forums

### **Collaboration With**

- Other LCSPs
- Local development bodies (CYPSC, LCDs)
- Cross-border partnerships (e.g. Northern Ireland PCSPs)

### **Subgroups and working groups**

- The establishment of committees by the LSCP is provided for in regulations under Section 114 of the Act. A Safety Partnership can establish such groups for any specific purpose.

### **Data & Reporting**

- Adhere to GDPR
- Quarterly and annual reporting
- Data sharing protocols in development

**Community Safety Plans**

- Align with National Strategy
- Can begin actions before plan is finalised
- Must be reviewed and updated regularly