

# An Garda Síochána

## Information Sheet



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### Older People Strategy

#### An Garda Síochána's Commitment to Older People

While An Garda Síochána works to meet the policing needs of all citizens, we also develop targeted strategies to address the particular policing needs of different demographic groups. An Garda Síochána's Older People Strategy, has been developed to ensure the policing needs of older people in Ireland are met to the highest standard possible.

#### How will this Strategy be Achieved?

The Strategy for Older People will contribute directly to achieving the corporate objective of ensuring a peaceful community, by working with communities, and more specifically older people and those working with and for older people. This strategy will be underpinned by the National Model of Community Policing and the Diversity Strategy, and will complement existing support structures and communication methods already in place. To do this four key objectives have been identified:

1. Develop and maintain effective communication links between Gardaí and older people
2. Deliver a timely and effective proactive response by An Garda Síochána for older people
3. Increase trust and confidence by lessening the fear of crime amongst older people
4. Determine and respond to the needs and expectations of older people on an ongoing basis.

#### Strategic Roles and Responsibilities

In order to achieve these objectives a number of roles and responsibilities will be allocated, to include the following:

#### Older Person Champion

Deputy Commissioner Strategy and Change Management has been appointed as the 'Older People Champion' in An Garda Síochána and has overall responsibility for the implementation of this strategy.

#### Operational Ownership

Chief Superintendents, Superintendents and departmental heads will have responsibility for drafting and implementing plans at a local level to deliver this strategy. Managers, first line supervisors and all members of An Garda Síochána will be responsible for working towards delivering this strategy.

#### Management Commitment

An Garda Síochána will use its strategic management, and organisational structure, to endorse and support the implementation of this strategy. The key dimensions in this structure will involve the abovementioned older people Champion and operational ownership.

*An Garda Síochána is committed to the delivery of this strategy;  
You can also play a part*

*What services would you like to see available from An Garda Síochána for older people? What good ideas do you have that could assist in making communities feel safer and more secure? What other agencies, individuals, etc can play a role?*

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# Straitéis an Gharda Síochána i leith Daoine Breacaosta

## Tiomantas an Gharda Síochána do Daoine Breacaosta

Fad a oibríonn An Garda Síochána chun riachtanais gach saoránach a chomhlíonadh, forbraíonn muid freisin straitéisí dírithe chun na riachtanais áirithe phóilíneachta a réiteach maidir le grúpa éagsúla déimeagrafaíochta. Tá an doiciméid seo, Straitéis an Gharda Síochána i leith Daoine Breacaosta, tar éis a bheith forbartha chun a chinntí go bhfuil riachtanais phóilíneachtas na ndaoine breacaosta in Éirinn comhlíonta go dtí an caighdeán is airde aus is féidir.

## Conas mar a thabharfar an Straitéis seo chun críche?

Cuirfidh an Straitéis i leith Daoine Breacaosta go díreach leis an gcuspóir corporáideach a bhaint amach maidir le pobal síochánta a chinntí, trí bheith ag obair le pobail, agus níos sonraí ná sin, le daoine breacaosta agus iad siúd atá ag obair le agus do dhaoine breacaosta. Beidh buntaca á thabhairt ag straitéis seo ar Shamhail Náisiúnta um Phóilíniú Pobail agus an Straitéis éagsúlachta, agus comhlánóidh sé na struchtúir tacaíochta atá ann agus na modhanna cumarsáide atá i bhfeidhm cheana fein. Chun é seo a dhéanamh tá ceithre cinn d'eochair cuspóirí tar éis a bheith aitheanta:

1. Nascanna éifeachtachta cumarsáide idir na Gardaí agus dhaoine breacaosta a fhorbairt agus a choimeád
2. Freagairt tráthúil agus pró-ghníomhach éifeachtacht ag An Garda Síochána do dhaoine breacaosta a sheachadadh
3. Iontaoibh agus muinín a mhéadú tríd an eagla roimh choireacht a laghdú i measc daoine breacaosta
4. Riachtanais agus ionchair dhaoine breacaosta a chinntí agus a fhreagairt ar bhonn leanúnach.

## Rólanna agus Freagrachtaí Straitéiseacha

Chun na cuspóirí seo a bhaint amach dálí fear roinnt rólanna agus freagrachtaí, agus an méid seo a leanas san áireamh:

### Seaimpín do Dhaoine Breacaosta

Ceaptha An Leas-Choimisinéir Straitéis agus Bainistíocht Athraithe mar an 'Seampín do Dhaoine Bhreacaosta' sa Gharda Síochána agus ta freagracht iomlán aige ar fheidhmiú na straitéis seo.

### Úinéireacht Oibríochta

Beidh freagracht ag Ard-Cheannfoirt, Ceannfoirt, agus ag ceannasaithe roinne as ucht pleanná a dhréachtú agus a fheidhmiú ar leibhéal áitiúil chun an straitéis seo a sheachadadh. Beidh bainisteoirí, maoirseoirí céad líne agus comhaltaí uile den Gharda Síochána freagrach as obair i dtreo an straitéis seo a sheachadadh.

### Tiomantas ó Bainistíocht

Bainfidh An Garda Síochána úsáid as a bhainistíocht straitéis, agus a struchtúr eagraíochta, chun feidhmiú na straitéis seo a fhormhuiniú agus a thacú. Baird baint ag na heochair-diminsiúin sa struchtúr seo leis an Seaimpín do dhaoine bre-

*Tá An Garda Síochána tiomanta chun an straitéis seo a sheachadadh,  
Is féidir leat páirt a ghlacadh chomh maith*

Cad iad na seirbhísí ba mhaith leat a fheiceáil ar fáil ón nGarda Síochána le haghaidh dhaoine breacaosta? Cad iad na smaointe maithe atá agatsa a d'fhéadfadh cuidíú le pobail aireachtáil níos sábháilte agus níos dainginthe? Cad iad na gníomhairí, dhaoine aonair eile, agus araile a d'fhéadfadh ról aghlacadh? Más mian leat do thuairim a thabhairt, ní moltaí a dhéanamh mar gheall ar an straitéis seo agus a bhfuil inti, ní mó bhíonn freagraí agat ar na ceisteanna thusa, dean teagmháil linn, le do thoil ag:

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