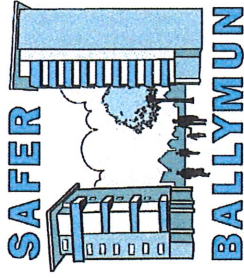


SAFER BALLYMUN STRATEGY

Action Plan to make BALLYMUN

A Safer Place in which to Live, Work and Visit

2021 - 2024



About us

Safer Ballymun is a Local Policing Forum. It is a partnership between the Local Community, Dublin City Council, An Garda Síochána (AGS), and Ballymun Local Drug and Alcohol Task Force (BLDATF).

Our Vision

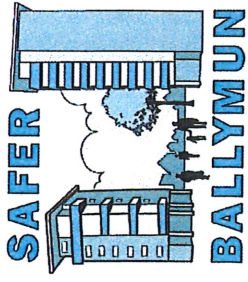
That Ballymun will be a safer place in which to live, work and visit.

Mission

To improve quality of life to residents of Ballymun and to enhance the experience of working in and visiting Ballymun.

Safer Ballymun Action Plan 2020 - 2024

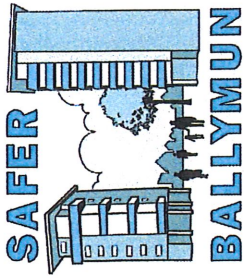
The Safer Ballymun Action Plan has been drafted following a consultation and research process carried out by Peter Dorman, Community Action Network (CAN), on behalf of the Safer Ballymun Steering Group. The consultation and research process included consultation with residents, representatives of local organisations, community projects and statutory agencies.



The Steering Group

The Steering Group of Safer Ballymun will oversee the delivery of the Action Plan. It will:

- Re-establish & increase its membership to include youth representatives
- Have an agreed 'Terms of Reference' to drive the process forward.
- Be strengthened by improved communications with broader cross section of community and relevant stakeholders.
- Meet quarterly. Additional meetings may be convened if necessary in response to extra-ordinary events.
- Plan all actions collaboratively and produce project plans with milestones.
- Be mindful that its work involves collaborating on sensitive local issues and will require appropriate protocols to allow for meaningful engagement while safeguarding privacy and the safety of all people concerned.



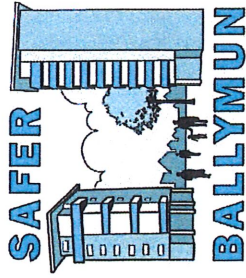
Guiding Principles and Actions

1. Community Safety is vital to deliver a good quality of life within the community.

Serious anti-social behaviour and criminality in a community can severely affect the quality of life within that community. Restoring an improved quality of life in Ballymun is the core mission of this Action Plan.

In order to deliver on this mission the Steering Group will:

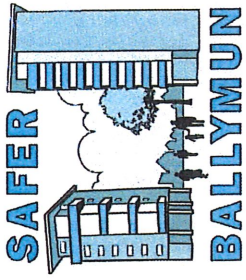
- Re-establish a strong Steering Group representative of all partners to deliver the Action Plan
 - Identify funding to appoint an external Safety Coordinator to coordinate the delivery of the Action Plan
- Plan
- Work with the AGS and Dublin City Council to:
 - Implement actions to address open drug dealing hotspots, antisocial behaviour, aggressive begging, dangerous use of bikes and other vehicles.
 - Provide enhanced Community Policing
 - Ensure high visibility of Gardaí in the Community
 - Seek to increase Garda Resource



2. Progress depends on Real Partnerships

Progress depends on meaningful collaboration between the Community, the Gardaí, Dublin City Council, Ballymun Local Drug and Alcohol Task Force (BLDATF) and other Agencies, in an environment of trust, respect and understanding. **We will:**

- Draft and action a Communication Plan to inform people on the work of Safer Ballymun and to enhance communications between all stakeholders, partners and community.
- Structure meetings in a more participative, focused and constructive manner. Deliver meetings that will provide educational opportunities to inform on best practice, successful community safety models, roles and powers of relevant agencies, etc.
- Work with AGS to:
 - To roll out the re-designed AGS National Schools programmes
 - Roll out of Small Area Policing Plan (Sectors Policing Initiative's)
 - Organise community dialogue events to improve and strengthen relationships
 - Support the induction of new Gardaí into the Community.



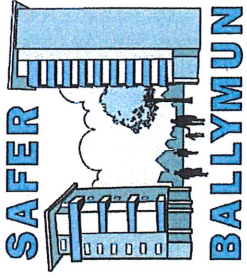
Recognition of the need for real measurable results and related positive impacts for all those who live, work in and visit Ballymun

This Action Plan needs to produce results through a programme of actions that will deliver on the mission of making Ballymun a safer place and that will improve the quality of life of the community. **To deliver this we will:**

- Produce a Project Action Plan for the delivery
- Assess and evaluate the delivery of actions and share this through agreed communication channels with all partners and stakeholders.
- Carry out an Annual Review and Assessment of Progress made

The Strategy will focus on capacity building and community resilience. We will work to build community resilience and capacity to strengthen community neighbourhoods and streets. To achieve this aim we will:

- Collaborate with all Community Development & Outreach Workers to work in hotspots
- Deliver Community Leadership Programmes
- Identify suitable models of strengthening community structures to better engage on estate management and community safety issues.
- Encourage and support the holding of local neighbourhood activities and animation



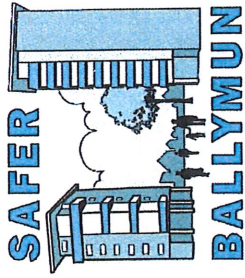
The Action Plan recognises the need for a care and control approach

We acknowledge that many of those causing harm may be victims of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE). This strategy aims to continue to offer real support and alternatives, whilst developing new interventions for emerging issues.

Boundary setting will be challenging, however with continued collaboration using a health-led approach, being Adverse Childhood Experiences aware, trauma informed appropriate protocols will be developed.

We will progress and support the delivery of:

- Collaboration between agencies to identify current levels of interventions
- Support the development of intervention strategies for 'at risk' vulnerable young people.
- In collaboration with relevant stakeholders and agencies we will
 - work with families who are at risk of being drawn into drug dealing and other criminality
 - help reach young people currently involved in these activities
 - educate young people about the risks of being involved in these activities
 - teach *restorative practice* skills

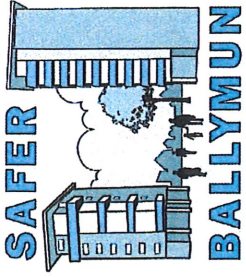


The Strategy will focus on collaborative approaches with all stakeholders and engaging policymakers.

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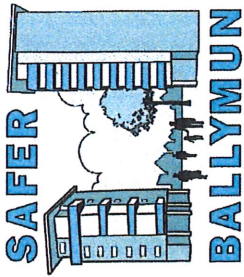
Develop a collaborative problem solving approach to dealing with identified problems.

- Use creative, evidence based interventions to combat the effect of anti-social risks in the community
- Identify gaps in resources needed to tackle community safety issues
- Evaluate need for additional specialised resources
- Identify current resources that provide specialised support to youth and family, work with children and young people involved in criminality
- Engage with relevant policy makers and decision makers both through the Joint Policing Committee and otherwise to address these needs



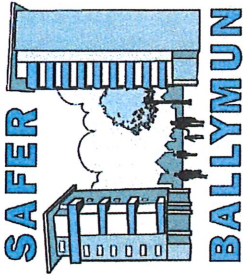
The Strategy recognises the need for the development of a 'Critical Incident' code of behaviour and emerging issues protocols.

- We acknowledge the limitations of planning for the future.
- We acknowledge that there may be emerging issues, which include but are not limited to the challenges of the changing nature of drug use, dealing and associated criminality, which may pose risks for our community.
- Therefore, it is envisaged that this strategy will be re-visited and revised if necessary; in a timely manner when/if, such issues arise.
- Continuous assessments led by the steering committee will be an ongoing part of this plan in order to ensure that all the stakeholders will be supported to implement actions



Action Plan Schedule of Delivery - Year 1 - 4

Year 1 2021 -2022	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue and develop intervention strategies for 'at risk' vulnerable young people ● Work with the AGS on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ induction strategy for new Gardaí ○ Strategy for the roll out of the Small Area Policing Plan. ● Engage with relevant authorities regarding provision of adequate Garda resource in Ballymun ● Annual Review of delivery of Action Plan completed
Year 2 2022 -2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Action plans in place for areas of anti-social behaviour ● Small Area Policing plans operational ● Induction Strategy for new Gardaí in place ● Community Leadership Programme initiated ● Continued advocacy action to ensure adequacy of necessary resources



<p>Year 3 and 4 2023 - 2024</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Review of Strategy completed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to anti-Social Behaviour routine embedded • Collaboration, meetings and dialogue between all stakeholders continued • Re-visit and revise plan if necessary • Annual Review completed

