

New policing methods might consider developing an effective, national police dog strategy for deployment across rural Garda districts and, the enhanced dog unit, put to work on city streets, to do a variety of high visibility policing jobs.

A typical modern example extends to many UK police forces giving notice on twitter and facebook, when and where, they intend visiting pubs and night clubs in an area of the city at night- using drug sniffer dogs.

The other aspect for an enhanced police dog presence on the street - promote the protection dog and handler to go out on patrol with a number of officers - some maybe small in stature- giving a mostly unarmed police force (service....for a modern policing title) - backup from a powerful set of trained teeth for the situation where these officers come under attack.

Finally, the current standard Garda uniform looks dated and loose fitting in an age where image and presentation gives an impression

Humberside, UK

German Shepherds, Malinois and Dutch Herders, Search for and locate missing persons, offenders and articles using their excellent sense of smell. Deal with public disorder, they can confront, chase and detain offenders if required. Work with police firearms teams wearing specialist camera equipment.

SNIFFER dogs will be sent into pubs and clubs in Hull to search for drugs over the festive period. Humberside Police's specially trained dogs will go into venues alongside their handlers to sniff out illicit substances.

Officers from the public order team will also be involved.

The initiative is part of the force's Operation Impact, which aims to reduce crime and disorder over the Christmas and new year celebrations.

"Drugs are not welcome in the pubs and clubs in Humberside.

"The objective of the operation is to deter and disrupt people supplying and using drugs in these premises.

"The mix of drugs and alcohol can lead to violent crime and, by taking action over the busy festive period, we are aiming to create a safer, more enjoyable night out for everyone."

If the dogs detect drugs during the searches, they signal their handlers, who will then carry out a search.

The force says those found in possession of drugs will be dealt with "appropriately", receiving "words of advice, a caution, or being arrested".

Sgt Foster said: "In the past, word of our visits have spread to other pubs, which were not being visited, leading to drugs being dumped.

"Clearly, they are more than aware of how effective the dogs are.

"Their sense of smell is amazing and they can detect the slightest trace of drugs.

"They are trained to ignore the loud music and dark lighting in some pubs and clubs, and just focus on finding drugs to get their reward – usually a tennis ball.

"The feedback from the public and the licensees is really positive.

"We frequently get landlords and door staff asking for us to attend premises, because it sends out a clear message to the public that drugs won't be tolerated in any of the city's pubs and clubs."

The spaniel and labrador discovered drugs in a church graveyard and on the street in Newbegin, after going into some of the town's pubs.

The dumped drugs were proof that, as Sgt Foster explained, news of police raids travels fast among drug users and dealers.

He said once they are aware of police on the prowl, they will dump drugs them as quickly as possible to avoid capture.

"As soon as we appeared in the first pub, the word would have spread to others across the town about our presence," said Sgt Foster. "When this happens, those with drugs choose to dump them somewhere, instead of risk being caught with them.

"The dogs have done fantastic to pick these up and the drugs will now be disposed of."

The operation is not about punishing those with drugs, it is about educating people about the dangers of them.

Sgt Foster revealed the force is considering using the dogs at the accident and emergency department at Hull Royal Infirmary during peak times to deter antisocial behaviour.

He said: "Moving forward, we are considering using the dogs in the Hull Royal Infirmary A&E department.

"This would be a positive use of the resources and could provide a valuable deterrent to antisocial behaviour across weekends and evenings."

The dogs completed a four- week training exercise with their handlers at the police dog training

complex in South Yorkshire earlier this year.

Since then, they have been on random checks at pubs and clubs in Hull as part of Operation

Trafford.

They have also supported Neighbourhood Policing Teams to tackle community concerns about drug use.

Sgt Foster said: "Bobby and Mia will undoubtedly play a vital role in the night-time economy.

Saturday night, six officers headed into the city with two-year-old Labrador Mia.

They visited pubs and clubs across the city as part of an operation to reduce drug use over the festive period. The searches will continue over the coming weeks.

Sergeant Ian Foster, 43, who led the operation, said: "It's about making the town safer and helping people have a safe night out.

"In the past we have had to borrow dogs from other forces. Now we will be able to support these premises in tackling people taking drugs on a more frequent basis."

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Bolton, UK

"To date a total of 10 licensed premises have been visited of which eight of those led to the arrest of A total of 18 people have been arrested for drug supply or possession offences and bail offences and seven licensed premises are now under review for breaches of license conditions. A total of 65 people have been searched under the misuse of drugs act."

Pubs were visited in Little Lever, Farnworth, Westhoughton and Brightmet.

Among those visited included The Canary Tavern in Little Lever, where one man was arrested for possession of cannabis and a notice served for minor licensing breaches.

Manager Gary Regan said: "We have been told that the police would be carrying out an operation on pubs.

"I hope this warns people who think about bringing drugs into pubs.

"If I see suspicious activity going on I will go and see what is happening.

"There were a lot of police, but they are doing a job like I am doing a job."

He added: "The Government have issued so many regulations that are killing the pub trade. I have to have two members of staff behind the bar, even if there are only two customers in."

A 41-year-old who was drinking in the pub, said: "It was quite intimidating to have so many police officers just come in when you are having a drink. It didn't need so many."

The Post Office in Farnworth was also visited, where minor breaches of the licence condition were spotted and an arrest made for suspicion of possession of a Class A drug.

One drinker, who was celebrating her birthday, said: "At first I thought it was for me, and then I saw lots of other officers, and thought one would have done.

"It made me laugh, but then it was a bit of a shock to see so many but I think it is a good idea to do this and stop any problems there are from getting bigger."

Police say they have to deploy so many officers for health and safety reasons.

Sgt Seeds said: "The operation was well received by members of the public and the ripple effect around the Bolton pubs and clubs was evident as members of the public were keen to tell officers that they had heard we were out in force with 'It's all over Facebook that the police are in Bolton pubs tonight'.

"Above all, the operation was about tackling antisocial behaviour in the pubs of Bolton so that members of the public can go to their local and walk their streets without the fear that they will be subjected to drug use and violent crime.



Newcastle, UK

SCORES of drug-taking revellers are being caught trying to sneak illegal substances into bars and nightclubs.

Nearly 30 people every month are being arrested in Newcastle city centre after being caught in possession of drugs by door staff.

And police are fighting back by sending sniffer dogs out on weekend nights to probe party-goers they suspect of having substances on them.

The Chronicle joined officers as they took the dogs out for the first time and toured popular nightspots, including the Gate, Times Square and the Bigg Market.

City centre neighbourhood Sergeant Claire Lawson said: "People who come to Newcastle just want to enjoy themselves and our job is to make sure they do just that.

"However, we won't tolerate the small percentage who bring drugs into the city centre, or whose bad behaviour starts to impact on other people's enjoyment, and the dog is one of many pro-active tactics we use."

The Passive Alert Narcotics Detection Animal (PANDA) scans people for the presence of drugs such as heroin, cocaine, ecstasy and amphetamines, as well as date rape drugs.

If the dog detects a person is carrying drugs they will sit next to them. Officers then have the power to search that person.

Officers have revealed they will be repeating the patrols throughout the summer.





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