

Look at Japanese model - it solves 58% of reported crime (reference Bayley). To stop trying to please peoples expectations, populist media, politicians, powerful economic interest groups, victims etc -it's impossible to do and it does not solve the problem, it seems to make it worse by criminalising young males, who will, it is shown statistically, grow out of crime. This is a sociological problem of housing, employment, education and this needs to be recognised by the criminal justice system and an appropriate criminal justice architecture put in place as a reponse.. Need to stop focusing attention mainly on people from low socio-economic backgrounds.

Law and orde's focus is disproptrionately on low level laws eg begging and public order. Arguably, more serious crime is done by sophisticated, white collar crime. The focus should move to more complex investigations of serious, economic crime. There will be a need for a large amount of specialised forensic accountants and cybercrime experts. Gardai shoud focus on more complicated and long investigations.

There is a need to move away from target driven policing. Hierarchies should be got rid of e.g. the medical profession have got rid of the doctor as king role. Better decisions are made if a group of people make decisions collaboratively. Should get rid of calling people by their title rank - it is out-dated.

Use the model in the airplane crash investigations ie not to seek blame (usually blaming a junior person) but to view things that go wrong as a chance to learn from the mistakes and learn to do things differently.

There is a need for a more effective method of dealing with non-performance of individual gardai.

Emphasis on dealing with people fairly, equally in accordance with human rights.

Look at the Nexus Policing Project in Australia - collabaration in research with Universities and other agencies. (reference Loader).

Change the aim of policing from law enforcement to peace keeping. Use detoxification centres for drunks, not station cells. The police could be used to access services from other agencies eg HSE, social workers, homeless services, refuges. Radical change of direction needed. Laws are out-dated, Victorian, moralistic (reference -Manning). To look at the cost of the state prosecuting shop-lifting offences on behalf of large multi-nationals - is this a proper use of tax payers money?