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Title of Submission:	Community policing in Mayfield and other policing matters.
Comments:	<p>This submission has been formulated by the Mayfield East Community Association</p> <p>A number of issues have arisen over the last number of years regarding policing in the Mayfield area. Currently, there are two community gardai ██████████, who do trojan work and the original plan for the secondment of more gardai to community duties has not been realised. There is an urgent need for greater involvement of gardai in community affairs as this has proved to be hugely beneficial to both gardai and community alike in other areas. The use of community gardai on duties such as prisoner escorts and other duties leave a major gap in developing a coherent response to a growing social behavioural decline coupled with a growing population in the area. In the Mayfield District, the number of gardai short is considered at 27 members and this number should be restored to past levels. An important feature of the role of the Superintendent is maintaining a presence in the Mayfield station giving prominence to the role and Garda station. Furthermore, we feel that a Garda sergeant for community affairs should be appointed to the Mayfield district. We need to maintain the rapport that has grown between the community and the gardai who have suffered major cuts to funding etc. We sincerely acknowledge the contribution that the gardai have made for the betterment of the community over many years.</p> <p>--</p>