

The Waterford PPN were represented at the open meeting on Waterford on 25 January.

We have 3 or four points we would like to reinforce following our comments last night

- The PPN are generally happy with how the Waterford JPC operates – primarily because the PPN JPC reps put in a lot of time and preparation outside the JPC meetings to prepare;
- One issue which comes up regularly is the lack of communication with the individual Garda Barracks – phone calls not being returned, messages not being passed up the line; this serves to disillusion communities calling in – a customer charter for all Garda Barracks may help; more active use of social media perhaps – trust needs to be rebuilt
- The obvious complaints of lack of Community Gardai; we accept that boots on the ground might be the ideal scenario but may not be realistic but weekly surgeries, familiar faces etc must surely be possible; community policing needs to be seen in the communities;
- The lack of funding for text and Community Alert Schemes is becoming a crisis; communities are being stretched and this is not sustainable

Kind Regards

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