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CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Mary believes Dublin must be made safer. With her Fianna Fáil Parliamentary Party colleagues, Mary undertook a survey to quantify people's concerns over crime and anti-social behaviour. More than 1,500 people responded to Mary's crime and anti-social behaviour survey. Unsurprisingly, the results confirm that people working and living in Dublin want to feel safer. Mary continues to work to secure increased Garda resources for Dublin Central to make it safer for our community.

Areas which report the most crime receive the most Garda resources. **Mary encourages you to report any suspicious behaviour to Gardaí by dialling 999.** Mary is available to meet with residents and Gardaí to help set up neighbourhood watch and address areas of repeated crime and anti-social behaviour. Please get in touch with Mary.

CRIME SURVEY RESULTS

- Almost 90% support a 24 hour, 7 day a week criminal District court
- Over 70% witnessed drug dealing and drug use in public
- Over 65% said they witnessed anti-social behaviour in the city centre
- Over 90% felt this behaviour has increased in the past 10 years
- Almost 79% do not know their community Garda

To read the full results, please visit www.maryfitzpatrick.ie

RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY:



Meeting with Assistant Garda Commissioner Angela Willis to discuss Fianna Fáil's proposals to increase public safety

To improve public safety Mary and Fianna Fáil propose:

- Dedicated community Gardaí deployed on a Small Area Policing basis.
- Minimum 60 minutes foot or pedal bike patrols by Gardaí on every shift.
- Dedicated Gardaí deployed to public transport.
- 24/7 Criminal District Court.
- Targeted approach from Gardaí, DCC Estate Management, Area Management and Justice Diversion Programmes to achieve a zero tolerance of drug dealing, anti-social and criminal behaviour in public spaces and residential complexes.
- Proactive monitoring and enforcement of bail conditions for those awaiting trial.
- Community service and restorative justice for those convicted.
- Review of location and hours of operation of Garda stations in Dublin with a view to planning for additional Garda stations to serve growing areas of population.



TOP 5 BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS

- 1 Secure all doors and windows
- 2 Light up your home, use timer switches when out
- 3 Store keys safely and away from windows and letterboxes
- 4 Record details of valuables and don't keep large amounts of cash at home
- 5 Use your alarm even when at home

See www.garda.ie for more information



PROGRESS IN COMBATTING CRIME:

As part of the coalition government, Mary and Fianna Fail have secured the following from the Minister for Justice to empower Gardai to tackle criminal activity:

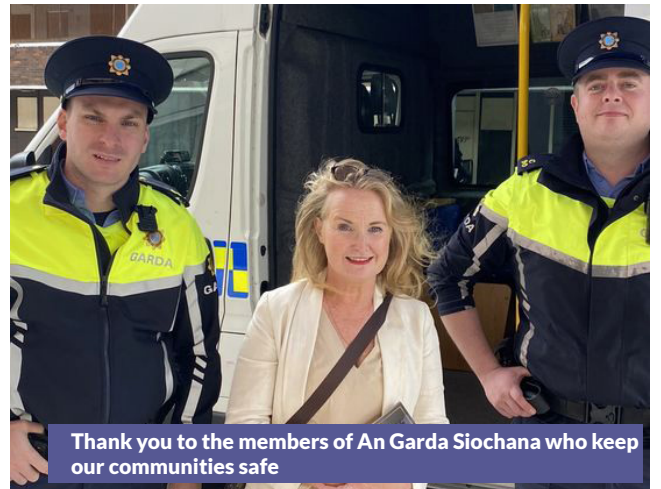
- Reopening of Fitzgibbon Street Garda station & opening of O'Connell Street station.
- Increased and expanded garda recruitment
- Criminal Justice Bill 2023 makes it a criminal offence to exploit children to commit crime.
- Garda days of action on public transport
- 25% increase in funding to combat domestic, sexual and gender-based violence.
- Max penalty for harassment increased to 10 years
- Assault causing harm penalties increased to 10 years.
- New laws criminalising illegal use of scramblers in public spaces.
- Increased maximum sentences for knife crime.

DRUGS COMMITTEE



Reopening Fitzgibbon St Garda Station with Tánaiste Micheál Martin

Tánaiste Micheál Martin nominated Mary to the all-party Oireachtas Committee on Drugs. The committee is tasked with responding to the 36 recommendations from the Citizens Assembly on Drugs including ending the current system of prosecuting those caught with drugs for personal use and instead adopting a comprehensive health led approach to drugs use. Do you support a health led approach to drugs use, diversion from drugs, depenalisation of drugs, decriminalisation of drugs, legalisation of drugs? **Let Mary know your thoughts by scanning the QR code or by emailing Mary.**



Thank you to the members of An Garda Síochana who keep our communities safe

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Opening of the new Garda Station on O'Connell Street

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