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Comments: Improved supervisory management of police on the ground.sergeant and inspector ranks to provide on the spot inspections of pocketbooks of officers on patrol.

Compulsory random drug and alcohol testing of officers.

Follow up of criminal investigations, victims of crime deserve the courtesy of being told what progress has been made if any, and if no progress has been made, just being told that the investigation is still open or ongoing is supportive.

honest recording of crime, e.g. when burgled, the letter we received from the Supt, referred to it as an incident, crime statistics need to reflect the level of crime.

an increase of nighttime checkpoints in rural areas, this can prevent crime and driving offences. Clampdown on antisocial behaviour and boy racers. the streets and roads must be safe for the public.

Improve relations with the traveller community.

Rural areas to be patrolled more regularly, people living alone, especially the elderly in rural areas need to feel there is a good garda presence in the community.

Gardai to be given better training in preserving forensic evidence, (after our burglary the crime scene officer said the responding officers had damaged vital evidence).

Better liaison between gardai and the at-risk groups in the community- the elderly, young people, minority groups, training of liaison officers and programmes to be designed to optimise the interactions.

Speed checks at the approaches to schools at drop off and pick up times, also to ensure proper parking and safe practices at schools.

The relationship between the community in rural Ireland is at a very low ebb. Gardai seem to spend a short time in rural stations before transferring to other areas. this results in little continuity of service and people do not know who their local garda is, this is a significant change from 20-30 years ago when gardai spent decades in a particular area and were known by the locals. this is a two-way loss as people are less likely to provide information