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Title of Submission:	Community Garda
Comments:	We would like to see greater consistency within Garda community policing. We believe this is more achievable by offering promotion opportunities within community policing so as to encourage skill/experience retention & greater career advancement within this extremely important area of policing. We believe that at present, community policing can be seen as "soft policing" within our Garda culture and structures.  We would also argue for increased Restorative approaches to policing by Gardaí in all aspects of policing, not just youth offending. This would ensure greater empathy and understanding of harmful behavior among wrongdoers, who would also be expected to contribute to repairing the harm they had caused. This inclusive approach would also help Gardaí to involve and support the "harmed"
	person more in the investigative and legal process.