



Joint Policing Committee

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CCTV in Limerick City & County



Functions of An Garda Síochána

- Preserve peace and public order
- Protect life and property
- Human rights
- Protect the security of the state
- Prevent crime
- Bringing criminals to justice , investigate and detect crime
- Regulate and control traffic and improve road safety
(interagency cooperation)



CCTV Schemes

- Must apply through An Garda Síochána (Section 38 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005)
- The Garda Commissioner may authorise the installation and operation of CCTV for the sole or primary purpose of securing public order and safety in public places by facilitating the deterrence, prevention, detection and prosecution of offences.
- Various conditions , requirements and scrutiny
- Work together /Joint controllers / interagency cooperation .



History

- Media documented
- Limerick City Feuding gangs
- Several Murders and Serious Crimes
- Public order and assaults
- Shootings
- Numerous investigations and prosecutions
- Regeneration



Investigations

- Every investigation requires the gathering of all available evidence (DPP vs Braddish)
- Public and private schemes
- Vital role in prosecutions
- Prevention and deterrence.
- Identification of suspects
- Independent witness
- Confirm or disprove.



Use of CCTV

- Inception 1990s
- Assisted in the solving of many crimes
- CCTV footage 2020 – 3672 hours / 2021- 15969
- 2017 – Murder – 70,000 hours all areas in the city

Quote

Paddy Flannery , resident and Manger of CCTV scheme Moyross

‘CCTV has been the most significant tool along with the Gardai which has helped solve the problem of serious and nuisance crime in Moyross and other areas of Limerick City. It has allowed the children to play outside, people to go for walks and to give a sense of safety and security to residents . CCTV should never be taken for granted and the scheme in Limerick has demonstrated how the Community, Local Government and An Garda Siochana have collaborated together to achieve this successful outcome.’



Conclusion

- An Garda Síochána support application
- Perseverance and hardwork
- Interagency cooperation
- Support and assistance from communities



Our Mission - Keeping People Safe



Data Protection Commissioner CCTV Remediation

- Seeking legal basis for CCTV in Limerick – April 12th
Northside, Southside, Canal & River Bank, Hinterland
- Ensure all cameras are necessary, justified and proportionate
- Conduct a Data Protection Impact Assessment
- Public Consultation for each grouping
- Garda Commissioner application & Joint Policing Committee consultation



Garda Commissioner Process

Must include

- Completed application form
- A letter of approval for the proposed CCTV system signed by local Garda Divisional Officer
- Signed Joint Data Controller Agreement (LCCC & An Garda Síochána)
- Documentary Evidence that CCTV has been approved by LCCC following consultation with the JPC



Garda Commissioner Process

- Technical Specifications
- Scaled Maps for all locations
- Details of all persons with access to CCTV
- Completed vetting forms



JPC Consultation

- Northside Cameras
- Southside Cameras
- Limerick Canal & River Bank Cameras
- Hinterland Cameras
- Note
 - All existing infrastructure
 - No new cameras included in this consultation



Camera Locations

- **Northside** – covering areas of Thomondgate, Ballynanty, Kileely, Moyross, St. Mary's Park - **137 cameras**
- **Southside** – covering areas of Carew Park, Carey's Road, O'Malley Park, Rathbane, Keyes Park, Galvone, Ballinacurra Weston, Sarsfield Park – **127 cameras**



Camera Locations

- **Limerick Canal & River Bank** - City Centre to UL Boathouse – **24 cameras**
- **Hinterland** – covering the towns of Abbeyfeale, Adare, Askeaton, Caherconlish, Cappamore, Castleconnell, Croom, Foynes, Kilmallock, Murroe, Newcastle West, Pallasgreen, Patrickswell, Rathkeale - **88 cameras**

Detailed Maps Available for Distribution



Q & A