



Frequently Asked Questions for Resident Representatives

What is the South Dublin LCSP?

The South Dublin LCSP aims to prioritise the voice of local people in identifying and addressing community safety issues in collaboration with a broad range of stakeholders including local councillors, An Garda Síochána, community representatives, business, education representatives, and a range of statutory agencies including the HSE, Tusla and South Dublin County Council.

Who are the members of an LCSP?

Membership includes:

- 7 elected local authority members
- Representatives of:
 - An Garda Síochána
 - South Dublin County Council (SDCC) (Director of Service level)
 - HSE (Integrated Health Area Manager)
 - Tusla (Area Manager)
- Community representatives
- Local residents (resident associations)
- Youth rep
- Minority/new communities rep
- Social inclusion rep
- Education rep
- Business rep
- Additional members as appropriate to local needs

How many members can an LCSP have?

LCSPs can have up to **30 members**

How long is the term of membership?

LCSP members are appointed for a **three-year term**, with the possibility of reappointment.

What guiding principles do LCSPs follow?

LCSPs operate under nine principles including:

- Whole-of-government approach
- Collaboration & partnership
- Harm prevention
- Social inclusion
- Evidence-based approach
- Participative practice
- Targeted support for disadvantaged communities.

How often do LCSPs meet?

At minimum each year:

- 4 partnership meetings
 - 1 public meeting
 - 1 closed meeting for elected members
- Additional meetings may be held as needed

What can an LCSP *not* do?

LCSPs cannot discuss:

- Specific criminal investigations
- Prosecutions
- Sensitive Garda operational matters
- State security issues

How are conflicts of interest handled?

- Members must declare conflicts at the start of meetings and withdraw from relevant discussions. A conflict-of-interest register is maintained.

How will the membership from the resident representative sector be determined?

- The Expression of Interest must be signed off by the Chairperson/CEO of the sector/group that is being represented
- The nominee for Resident Representative must represent a local resident's association
- The groups Constitution and minutes of meetings for the previous 12 months to be submitted
- This Individual must commit to a 3-year term and to attend 6 meetings per year and input into the Local Community Safety Plan
- There should be broad representation of the geographic area of the County (7 LEAs)
- The Council must consider factors such as levels of disadvantage, social exclusion and the demographic composition of the community who may be adversely affected by community safety issues to ensure that these groups are not underrepresented
- The nominations will be signed off on by the Chief Executive of SDCC and sent to the National Office of Community Safety
- The Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration will appoint the members