



Comhpháirtíocht Sábháilteachta Pobail Áitiúil Loch Garman

Wexford Local Community
Safety Partnership

Minutes of the Domestic, Sexual & Gender Based Violence Working Group

Date:	10 th June 2026	
Time:	2:30-3:30pm	
Venue:	Block C – Ground Floor Meeting Room, Wexford County Council HQ.	
Minute Taker	Brian McDonald – Wex LCSP Administrator	
Attendance	Cllr Aoife Rose O’Brien (co-chair), Insp. Padhraic Roberts AGS, Ann Leacy Rosslare Residents Group (attended remote) Avril O’Sullivan Comhairle Na nÓg (attended remote), Liam O’Donovan Wex LCSP Coordinator, Brian McDonald, Wex LCSP Administrator	
Quorum:	Yes	
Apologies:	Clare Williams CEO WRC (co-chair)	
1. Minutes of previous meeting. Cllr O’Brien opened the meeting and noted apologies from Clare Williams. Minutes from previous DSGBV meeting on 18.05.2026 approved and signed. Proposed: Cllr A. O’Brien Seconded: B McDonald		
2. Matters arising. No matters arising.		

3. Update on actions.

(i) Wexford Rape Crisis Leaflet distribution and promo

Liam O'Donovan gave an update on the Wex LCSP assistance to WRC for Clare Williams CEO. WRC counselling services leaflets posted on council's socials.

Hard copy leaflets distributed to Superintendent J. Duffy and David O'Sullivan for dissemination to colleagues in New Ross Station.

Liam also advised that Brian circulated WRC leaflets to Michael T. O'Brien – WWETB for circulation in schools. Brian added M.T. O'Brien confirmed schools are now closed but he will disseminate once reopened. Insp. Roberts confirmed Garda Kevin Burke liaising with Clare.

(ii) DSGBV Co-Chairs application for extension

Cllr. O'Brien confirmed an extension was granted by the Partnership until the 24th September when the group will report to the Chair with recommendations.

4. Reports.

Insp. Roberts gave an overview of stats on DSGBV related offences from 2022 to Q1 2026. There was an average rise of 6% per annum 2022-2025, with a 1.8% rise between Q1 2025 and Q1 2026.

It was noted by the group that recent awareness campaigns and an updated Garda CAD system may have contributed to a rise in figures.

Further discussion was held about the breakdown of stats and offence types. Insp. Roberts clarified the stats presented were not categorised per household but calls per se. If they were classified per household the stats would be reduced as some households were connected to multiple calls.

Cllr O'Brien sought clarification from Insp. Roberts about Domestic Violence incidents. Insp. Roberts advised recording of calls on Garda systems does not always translate to actual incidents. Insp. Roberts confirmed further categorisation work was being done by AGS.

Ann Leacy -Rosslare Residents Group association asked P. Roberts could the stats be separated by age range and gender which might make service provision easier.

Insp. Roberts advised appropriate supports and follow up are already provided on case-to-case basis by AGS.

A discussion was held around the remit of the group in promoting awareness of DSGBV support services such as school education sessions and link up between services facilitated by Wex LCSP. It was agreed Wex LCSP could link up with AGS to provide awareness campaigns to schools. Avril O'Sullivan FDYS requested a collaboration with FDYS.

Liam O'Donovan advised that Wex LCSP could advertise the support services of Wexford Women's Refuge.

Cllr O'Brien proposed a video diary/documentary on DSGBV as part of an awareness campaign through the Wex LCSP. A. Leacy added that a podcast format would also be a good idea.

5. Agreed actions.

- (i) Email Garda P. Roberts definition of the DSGBV working group.**
 - Liam
- (ii) Repeat advertising of WRC and any other services through council socials. Liam to contact Women's Refuge for flyers**
 - Brian
 - Liam
- (iii) To provide a further breakdown and categorisation of DV stats for the working group.**
 - Insp. Roberts
 - Provision of a listing of schools who have already had community policing awareness sessions with AGS.
 - Insp. Roberts
 - LCSP and Cllr. O' Brien to explore the idea about video/podcast awareness campaign on DV. Costing/videographer and participants tbc.
- (iv) To contact WWETB re feasibility of running awareness campaigns**
 - Liam

6. A.O.B.

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L. O'Donovan thanked the superintendents for assisting in distribution and promoting the services of the WRC.	
7. Next Meeting	
Date	25th August
Time	2:30-4:00pm
Venue	Block C - First Floor, Council HQ
Co. Chair	signed <i>Clare Williams</i> 28/8/26
Wex LCSP Administrator Brian McDonald	signed <i>Brian McDonald</i> 26-5-8 26