



**TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE GALWAY CITY
JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE**

Date: 17th April 2023

Item No. 5 on Agenda -

1. Question from Cllr. Donal Lyons

I have received a number of representations from concerned parents regarding the number of restricted dogs who are being walked in public places without a strong leash or chain. The Control of Dogs (Restriction of Certain Dogs) Regulations clearly state that such dogs should not be permitted in public places unless the dog is being led by means of a sufficient strong leash or chain not exceeding one metre in length and controlled by a person over the age of sixteen who is capable of controlling the said dog.

Can it be confirmed what number of dog owners have come under notice in this respect and what has been the outcome?

2. Question from Cllr. Mike Cubbard

At the Chief Superintendent's first meeting following his appointment to the role, I raised some serious concerns about escalating 'gang crime' in Galway where many videos had appeared on social media in the weeks prior to that meeting. Since then, we have seen a number of similar videos appearing online where these crimes are still occurring in our city.

Can the Chief Superintendent confirm that he has the recourses in place to address this escalating form of criminality and what additional resources have been requested/put in place since his appointment in this regard?

Also can the Chief Superintendent confirm how many active cases CAB have in Galway, without giving specifics of same?

3. Question from Cllr. Niall Murphy

In the past the Gardai have been reluctant to provide a breakdown of the serious road injuries in terms of how many of the victims are pedestrians, cyclists, car drivers or car passengers. The reason in the past has been the concern that individuals may be identified. The figure in this category has more than doubled from 5 to 12 in the past year, unfortunately, But it does mean that identifying individuals is no longer a concern. Would it be possible to now record how many injuries fall into each category.

I do believe that this is important information - since policies to protect our road users should be informed by knowing who is most in danger.

I appreciate that the same analysis of fatalities is not practical since the numbers are still low

4. Question from Cllr. Niall Murphy

In June I submitted a question to the JPC and received this response (attached). The response from AGS says "Inspector Conor Madden is currently reviewing this matter and will consult with Galway City Council. A further response will issue to Councillor Niall Murphy on receipt of same."

I am still waiting on that follow up from Inspector Maden