

## Members of the National Crime Council

The Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, Mr. John O'Donoghue, T.D., re-appointed the Members of the Council in July, 2001 for a two year term of office.

### The present Members of the Council are:

Mr. Padraic White (Chairperson)

Mr. Ken O'Leary, Assistant Secretary,  
Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

Mr. Peter Fitzgerald, Deputy Commissioner,  
An Garda Síochána

Mr. Fergus McCabe, Member of the  
National Drugs Strategy Team

Ms. Lillian McGovern, Chief Executive Officer,  
Victim Support

Ms. Mary Ellen Ring, BL., Irish Association for  
the Study of Delinquency

Mr. John Hynes, Group Chief Executive Officer,  
An Post

Mr. Philip Maguire, Assistant Dublin City  
Manager, Dublin Corporation

Mrs. Rosemary Tierney

Mr. Michael Reilly, Judge of the District Court

Dr. John O'Mahony, Senior Counsel

Dr. Dermot Walsh, Professor of Law,  
University of Limerick

Mr. Jack Marrinan, Former General Secretary of  
the Garda Representative Association

Ms. Deirdre Kenneally

Reverend Gerard Godley, Director, Kerry  
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## Message from the Chairperson, Padraic White

I am pleased to report significant progress in our work programme since the public launch of the National Crime Council in April, 2001 by Mr. John O'Donoghue, T.D., Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform.

I believe that the activities of the Council will lead to a better public understanding of crime, its causes and its prevention. The Council will, in addition, contribute to public policy on crime through its research, analyses and recommendations.

Our initial Information Leaflet (March, 2001) gave information on the background, key roles, activities, membership and organisation of the Council and of the Council's priorities.

This second Information Leaflet provides an update on the work of the Council. Further information is available through the Council's website. New information and links to other relevant sources will be posted on the site on a regular basis.

## Current Work Programme of the National Crime Council

The key roles of the Council are:

- to focus on crime prevention, with particular emphasis on the underlying causes of crime and the development of partnerships and practical approaches which will be effective at community level;
- to focus directly on raising public knowledge and awareness of crime;

- to examine the 'fear of crime';
- to identify research priorities which could be commissioned by the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform; and
- to undertake in-house research.

The current status of the Council's work programme is as follows:

### Crime Trends in Ireland

A pioneering report examining Crime Trends in Ireland for a 48 year period from 1950 to 1998 has been compiled by the Institute of Criminology at University College Dublin for the Council. The report entitled "Crime in Ireland" was published in November, 2001. The report, as well as giving an account of the trends for the 48 years, contains an overview and recommendations from the Council. The recommendations cover participation in crime surveys, the setting up of an Expert Group to look at how crime statistics are collated and an assessment of the needs of the key stakeholders in the criminal justice system and the wider research community. The report may be downloaded from our website.

### Public Order Offences in Ireland

A comprehensive research project has been commissioned which will seek to establish the level of Public Order Offences in Ireland, the likely contributory factors including (but not exclusively) alcohol consumption and a comparative analysis of the problem with countries of similar size and population to the Republic of Ireland. The results of this project are due by mid 2002. The Council will publish the results of this research with its own recommendations.

## Interagency Approach to Crime Prevention

The Council is examining the Interagency Approach to Crime Prevention with particular emphasis on the extent and level of co-operation between organisations, both statutory and voluntary, in the many crime prevention initiatives which are undertaken at community level.

The Council has had the benefit of detailed briefings from the key Government Departments and other agencies whose work has an impact on crime prevention. Much has been learned from these exchanges and work is moving ahead to identify 'best practice' so that the Council will be in a position to make recommendations to enhance the already significant level of co-operation that exists between the different bodies.

## National Study on Domestic Violence

A National Study on Domestic Violence is another of the Council's priorities. Work has begun on this project.

## Website

The Council's website is now up and running and can be found at [www.crimecouncil.ie](http://www.crimecouncil.ie). Relevant information and updates will be posted on the site at regular intervals.