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Title of Submission:	Concerns re the new developments with the Garda Youth Diversion Projects
Comments:	<p>CRYS have worked very effectively with Carlow Gardai to deliver a Garda Youth Diversion Programme for many years. The Project has been very successful and this is down to the strong community approach adopted by CRYS Staff, the J.L.O., An Garda Siochana, Community Organisations, families and local people.</p> <p>We understand that the Projects will go through an external tender process from 2018 onwards, with one Community based Organisation selected per Division. We welcome the opportunity to build on our experience of delivery to date and to apply for a Garda Youth Diversion Project for the future. However, we are very concerned about the move to re-organise Projects from 2018 onwards on a Divisional basis, as opposed to Districts. We feel that this will have a negative impact on the community approach and support for clients of the GYDPs, which has been developed over many years. The current approach secures good outcomes for young people who wish to participate and future plans should not threaten this in any way.</p>