

Tinahely Agricultural Show Event Management Plan 4th August 2025



Section 1: Event Details

Event Overview

The Tinahely Agricultural Show is a celebration of the richness of rural Irelands traditions, it's people and their way of life. For it is at this remarkable event that the doors to these experiences are opened. It is a fantastic family day out with live entertainment for kids and adults and an endless list of competitions and displays. Founded over seventy years ago the show is one of the longest running agricultural shows in Ireland and has developed as a must on everyone's social calendar.

Event location

Tinahely Show also known as The Wicklow County Show is held in Fairwood Park Tinahely , Co Wicklow on the August Bank Holiday Monday each year. The show grounds are owned by the show committee and the local hunt committee.

Weather

The weather and the need to have proper facilities to deal with the issues around poor weather conditions are fully planned for. There are a large number of big marquees for visitors to take shelter in. A combination of permanent roadways and new road tracking provide safe and efficient access to and from the show grounds.

Attendance Profile

The attendance at the show is a combination of exhibitors, judges and members of the public. It is very much a family day out.

Admission Arrangements

There is a ticketing system where visitors buy their tickets at the ticket boots and hand them to the stewards at the turnstiles.

Stewarding of Event

There are over 300 stewards working on the day. 250 of these are working on the main show grounds while the remainder are working in the car parks and roadways. Each section has its own dedicated chief steward. Stewards are briefed on safety issues and actions to be taken in the event of an incident or accident.

Toilet Facilities

Toilet facilities are located in the centre of the show grounds (permanent structure with 32 no w/c, 1 no disabled wc, 2 no large urinals and 12 no portaloos plus 1 no

disabled at main entrances/exits. These are fully services during the event and all waste appropriately disposed of to Carnew county council sewage facility.

Wicklow County Council provide a 'Changing Places' toilet and shower facility for those with special needs.

Temporary Structures

There are 6 large marquees and 8 smaller marquees erected for the event. There is also a stage hired in for the event.

Bar Facilities

A bar is located in one of the large marquees. Opening and closing hours are in accordance with the licence issued. Supervision will be provided to ensure no underage drinking takes place.

Section 2: Event Safety

Safety Statement

A detailed safety statement is updated annually and a copy is attached to this document. Our slogan is 'A safe show for all'.

Security provision

An approved security company will be employed to provide professional security services on the three nights prior to the event and night following the event. The name of the security provider is **Frontline Security Group, Block C, Airvista Office Park, Swords Road, Santry, Dublin, tel: 01 2693931**

Garda Security Provision

Members of the Garda will take responsibility for traffic and security control on the public roads on the day of the event. The show will employ four members of the Gardai for the purpose of providing security on the show field during the event. The show will work closely with the members of the Garda and will meet with them prior to the event to discuss and plan the event. Full details can be found in the Traffic Management Plan included in this document.

Fire Service

The local fire service will hold a training and information evening on the show site prior to the event. The show safety officers will provide full briefing on all aspects of the event. An emergency plan will be put in place by the fire service for the event.

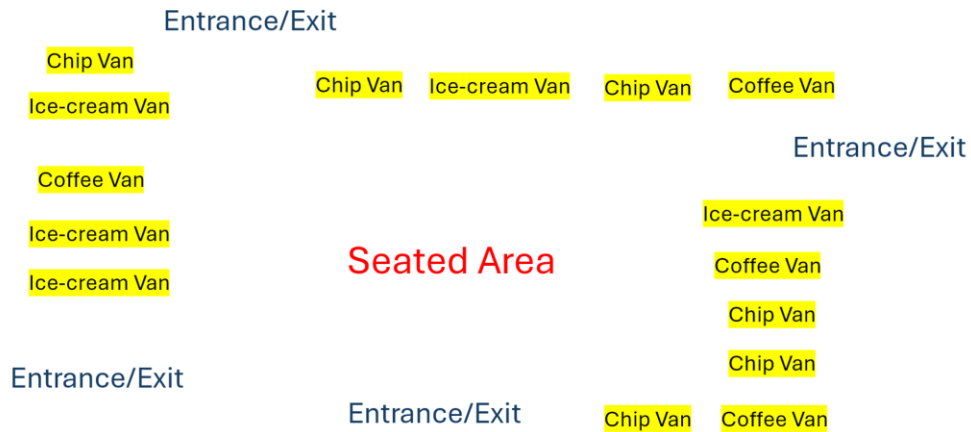
Information Required by Fire Service

Location of Fire Extinguishers



Food Vendors Service Area Plan

- All units are fitted with Fire Extinguishers, generator and Gas bottle safety cages.
- All units are positioned 6 meters apart
- Easy Access to Area



Ambulance Service

Three units of the Redcross will be on duty during the event as well as a paramedic and ambulance. Full details can be found in the show's Medical Plan in this document.

Voluntary Organisations

Local organisation like the GAA will provide support during the vent. Meetings will take place with these organisations prior to the event to provide the necessary updates for their workers. These organisations will be responsible for car parking and pedestrian co-ordination.

Stewards

The stewards will be responsible for a large range of duties including car parking, marquee supervision, entertainment supervision, livestock supervision, cleaning of facilities, exhibitor co-ordination etc.

Public Address Announcer

A professional PA system will be supplied and technical support provided during the event. This system will also incorporate radio handsets for all key personnel on the day including emergency services.

Website

Update website with safety information and site map (downloadable)

Vehicular Access and Exit

There are dedicated access and exit points for different traffic types eg. Exhibitors, judges, food units members of the public etc. Dedicated stewards are positioned at these key areas. Large, clear signage is a feature of the smooth running of this element.

Onsite Traffic Management

A series of permanent roadways allow for the safe movement of traffic on site. Again dedicated stewards are positioned in key areas and clear signage is a feature of the smooth running of this element. Full details are available in the traffic management plan.

Section 3: Emergency Action

Technical Support

Two qualified electricians are on duty throughout the event. Also, full technical support is provided for the public address system.

First Aid

Three units of the Redcross are on duty throughout the event. A paramedic and vet are also on duty throughout the event. The Redcross will have made contact with local hospitals prior to the event and an agreed plan will be in place in the event of any need for hospital treatments. A dedicated first aid station is located in the centre of the show grounds.

Section 4: Event Control

Event Control

The event controller for the show is George Steacy (087 6737299)

Safety Officers are Joe Hayden (087 6867805) and Robert Woods (086 8341555)

Each specific area of the show also has a dedicated chief steward who works closely with the main event controller and safety officers.

The show control centre is located in the centre of the show grounds and can be seen on the field map under the name of PA Information.

Section 5: Event Countdown

March 2025- annual general meeting.

April/May 2025 – general and subcommittee meetings to discuss and plan strategy for show.

May 2025 – booking of major suppliers

May 2025 – pre event discussions and planning with Redcross and Paramedics

June 2025- updating of safety statement

June 2025 – launch of show schedule

June 2025 – opening entries for show

July 2025- meeting with members of Gardai to discuss traffic control and relevant issues.

July 2025 – maintenance work on site roadways, toilet facilities, electrical installations, water testing etc.

Week prior to show – erection of marquees, safety barriers and crowd control barriers. Marking of exhibition spaces. On site meeting with fire brigade.

Section 6: Plan Appendices

Traffic Management Plan

A full traffic management plan will be drawn up in consultation with An Garda Siochana. Detailed road traffic signs will be erected to assist with the orderly running of traffic. Details are included with this document.

Medical Plan

Testing of site water facilities in conjunction with environmental health officer.

Rechecking with Redcross/Paramedic on plans for medical emergency.

Submission of all relevant health certificates from food and beverage suppliers to the environmental health officer prior to event.

Briefing of all chief stewards on handling/policy on medical emergencies.

Waste Disposal

All waste disposal will be carried out by a registered contractor, Murray Waste Recycling, Coolatore, Co Wexford. Tel: 053 9366778

Sewage Disposal

Post the event all sewage will be delivered to the Wicklow County Council sewage plant in Carnew.

Event Communications

The shows PA provider will supply quality communications radios for the communications centre, all chief stewards, safety officers, Redcross staff and site paramedic. The provider will provide back up and onsite training for use of communications equipment.

Schedules

The erection and take down of major items like marquees, staging etc will only be taken down by approved contractors. These contractors to provide necessary insurance and staff safe pass work certs.

Emergency Procedures

Stopping the event

The show will be stopped in the event of any safety issue which poses serious risk to its patrons. This will be done in consultation with An Garda Síochána and emergency services.

Action in the event of a bomb scare

In this event the show and its stewards will take instructions from members of the Garda Síochána.

Action in the event of fire

The immediate area around the fire scene will be closed off and the safety officers called. The fire brigade will be contacted immediately and the shows fire extinguishers will be used to contain the fire. Fire extinguishers will be positioned in all main marquees, car parks, trade stand area and secretaries tent. Competent stewards will have responsibility for the effective use of the fire extinguishers.

Action in the event of other emergencies

For all incidents the shows safety officers will be notified immediately. The stewards will hold witnesses to get relevant information on the incident and all procedures as set out in safety statement will be observed. Where necessary members of the Gardai or emergency services will be notified.

Evacuation of the Venue

If required the venue will be evacuated in conjunction with the advice of the Garda Siochana, the shows safety officers and chief stewards.

Contact Details

Show Office: Tinahely Show Office, Unit 16, Riverside Business Park, Tinahely, Co Wicklow.

Tel: 0402 34922

Email: info@tinahelyshow.ie

www.tinahelyshow.ie

Show Coordinator: Dolores Whelan

Indoor Coordinator: Jackie Whelan

Show Chairperson: Margaret Healy 087 9479045

Show Safety Officer/coordinator: Joe Hayden 087 6867805

Medical Controller: Mark O'Keefe 086 2624099

Event Controller: George Steacy 087 6737299

Deputy Event Controller: Seamus Dempsey 086 8332702

Security Co-ordinator: Warren Furlong 087 2637246

Noise Consultant: Martin Ryan 086 8623821

Transport/Traffic Co-ordinator: George Steacy 087 6737299

Site Manager: Wesley Dagge 087 9009441

Redcross: 087 2643446

An Garda Siochana: 059 6482610

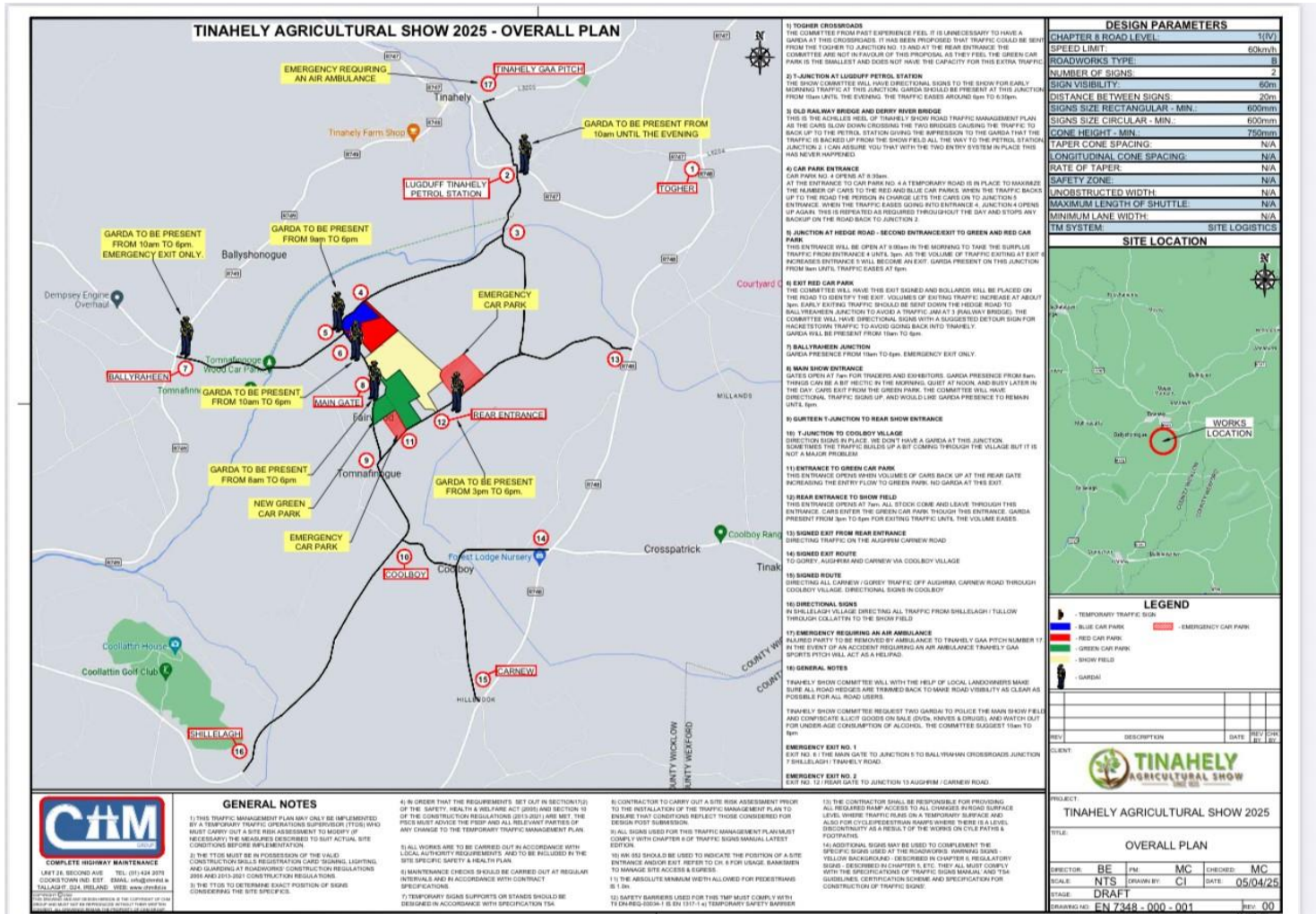
Fire Brigade: 0402 38154

Maps with site details and roads:



Traffic Management Plan

PROPOSED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR 2025



Tinahely Agricultural Show are committed to working with all the relevant stake holders in developing and effective and safe traffic management plan.

Organisation	Representative	Contact Details
Tinahely Agricultural Show	George Steacy	087 6737299
Gardai	Superintendent, Baltinglass, Co Wicklow	059 6482610
Wicklow County Council District Engineer	Dermot Graham, Council Buildings, Tinahely	040238174

- 1 Togher crossroads.
- 2 T-junction at Lugduff Petrol Station.
- 3 Old Railway Bridge and Derry River Bridge.
- 4 New entrance into Red and Blue Car parks.
- 5 T-junction at Hedge Road and second entrance/exit to Red and Blue Car Parks.
- 6 Exit from Red Car Park (early).
- 7 Ballyraheen Crossroads.
- 8 Main Show entrance.
- 9 T-junction to rear Show entrance.
- 10 T-junction to Coolboy village.
- 11 Green Car Park entrance.
- 12 Rear Show and Green Car Park second entrance.
- 13 Exit to Aughrim / Carnew road.
- 14 Exit to via Coolboy to Aughrim/ Carnew road.
- 15 Entry and exit for traffic from Carnew.
- 16 Entry and exit for traffic from Shillelagh.
- 17, Tinahely G.A.A. sports ground Emergency Helipad landing area

1 Togher Crossroads.

The committee from past experience feel it is unnecessary to have a Garda at this crossroads. It has been proposed that traffic could be sent from the Togher to Junction No.13 and at the rear entrance the committee are not in favour of this proposal as they feel the Green Car Park is the smallest and does not have the capacity for this extra traffic.

2. T-Junction at Lugduff Petrol Station.

The show committee will have directional signs to the show for early morning traffic at this junction. Garda should be present at this junction from 10a.m. until the evening. The traffic eases around 6p.m. to 6.30p.m.

3. Old Railway Bridge and Derry River Bridge.

This is the Achilles heel of Tinahely Show Road Traffic Management Plan as the cars slow down crossing the two bridges causing the traffic to back up to the Petrol Station giving the impression to the Garda that the traffic is backed up from the Show field all the way to the Petrol Station, Junction 2. I can assure you that with the Two entry System in place this has never happened.

4. Car Park entrance.

Car Park No.4 opens at 8.30 am

At the entrance to Car Park No.4 a temporary road is in place to maximize the number of cars to the Red and Blue car parks. When the traffic backs up to the road the person in charge lets the cars on to Junction 5 entrance. When the traffic eases going into entrance 4, Junction 4 opens up again. This is repeated as required throughout the day and stops any backup on the road back to Junction 2.

5.Junction at Hedge Road- second entrance/exit to Green and Red Car Park.

This entrance will be open at 9a.m. in the morning to take the surplus traffic from Entrance 4 until 3pm. As the volume of traffic exiting at Exit 6 increases Entrance 5 will become an Exit. Garda present on this junction from 9 am until traffic eases at 6p.m.

6.Exit Red Car Park

The committee will have this exit signed and bollards will be placed on the road to identify the exit. Volumes of exiting traffic increase at about 3p.m. Early exiting traffic should be sent down the Hedge Road to Ballyraheen Junction to avoid a traffic jam at 3 (Railway Bridge). The committee will have

directional signs with a suggested Detour Sign for Hacketstown traffic to avoid going back into Tinahely.

Garda will be present from 10a.m.. to 6p.m.

7.Ballyraheen Junction

Garda presence from 10.a.m to 6p.m. Emergency Exit only.

8. Main Show Entrance.

Gates open at 7a.m. for traders and exhibitors. Garda presence from 8a.m. Things can be a bit hectic in the morning, quiet at noon, and busy later in the day. Cars exit from the Green Car Park. The committee will have directional traffic signs up, and would like Garda presence to remain until 6pm.

9. Gurteen T-Junction to rear Show entrance.

10.T-Junction to Coolboy village.

Directional signs in place. We don't have a Garda at this junction.

Sometimes the traffic builds up a bit coming through the village but it is not a major problem.

11. Entrance to Green Car Park

This entrance opens when volumes of cars back up at the rear gate increasing the entry flow to Green Car park. No Garda at this exit.

12. Rear entrance to show field.

This entrance opens at 7am. All stock come and leave through this entrance. Cars enter the Green car park through this entrance.

Garda present from 3pm to 6pm for exiting traffic until the volume eases.

13. Signed Exit from Rear Entrance directing traffic on the Aughrim

Carnew road.

14. Signed exit route to Gorey, Aughrim and Carnew via Coolboy

Village.

15. Signed route directing all Carnew/ Gorey traffic off Aughrim, Carnew road through Coolboy Village.

Directional signs in Coolboy

16. Directional Signs in Shillelagh village directing all traffic from

Shillelagh / Tullow through Coollattin to the Show field.

Tinahely Show Committee will with the help of local landowners make sure all road hedges are trimmed back to make road visibility as clear as possible for all road users.

Tinahely Show Committee request two Gardaí to police the Main Show field and confiscate illicit goods on sale (DVDs, knives & drugs), and watch out for under-age consumption of alcohol.

The Committee suggest 10 a.m. to 8p.m.

Emergency Exits

Emergency Exit No 1 –

Exit No.8 / The Main Gate to Junction 5 to Ballyrahan Crossroads

Junction 7 Shillelagh / Tinahely Road

Emergency Exit No 2 –

Exit No.12 / Rear Gate to Junction 13 Aughrim / Carnew Road

Emergency requiring an air ambulance

Injured party to be removed by ambulance to Tinahely GAA pitch number 17

In the event of an accident requiring an air ambulance Tinahely G.A.A. sports pitch will act as a Helipad.

Event Medical Plan of Tinahely Agricultural Show

**Date of Event
4th August 2025**

**Expected attendance
15,000**

1. EVENT PLAN DETAILS

EVENT MEDICAL PLAN

This medical plan is being prepared by Joe Hayden, Show Safety Officer.

The Event Medical Plan is being submitted to the HSE Regional Emergency Management Office as part of the consultation process for Tinahely Agricultural Show.

OBJECTIVES OF PLAN

- To outline the resources, facilities and management structures of medical services being provided for the healthcare of the participants, performers & patrons of the event
- To ensure that sufficient facilities are provided to minimise the impact on the local surrounding areas and HSE resources
- To outline arrangements & procedures to be put in place for a serious incident or a major emergency.

DISTRIBUTION OF THIS PLAN

This plan will be distributed electronically to the lead person of each organisation involved in the planning & operation of the event. That person will then distribute the plan to their personnel as required.

NAME	AGENCY	CONTACT No.
Willie O'Connor	Redcross	087 2643446
Joe Hayden	Tinahely Show Society	087 6867805
Andy Waters	Blue Screen Medics	087 0655323

EVENT DETAILS

ORGANISERS OF THE EVENT

Organiser/Promoter	Tinahely Agricultural Show	0402 34922
Event Controller	George Steacy	087 6737299
Safety Officer	Joe Hayden	087 6867805

EVENT DESCRIPTION

Date/s	4 th August 2025
Times	7am to 6pm
Location	Fairwood Park
Type of event	Agricultural Show
Expected Attendance	15,000
Audience Profile	Family groups of all ages, teenagers up to elderly
Ticketed	Tickets only purchased at gates
Alcohol on sale	Yes
Overnight Camping	No
Previous Event History	Excellent track record of safety
Licensed	No
Include maps in Appendix	

EVENT INSURANCE DETAILS: Irish Shows Association

Public Liability insurance: €6.5m

Medical indemnity insurance:

2. EVENT MEDICAL & FIRST AID PLANS

EVENT MEDICAL OFFICER

The Event Medical Officer will be Willie O'Connor 087 2643446

EVENT MEDICAL CO-ORDINATOR

The Event Medical Coordinator will be responsible for the overall control & co-ordination of all medical and first-aid personnel and resources at the event.

Event Medical Officer: Willie O'Connor 087 2643446

Deputy Event Medical Co-ordinator: Mark O'Keefe 086 2624099

EVENT MEDICAL CONTROLLER

The Event Medical Controller will be provided by the first aid provider.

The Event Medical Controller will provide the communications link between all elements of the medical team and with the Event Controller, Safety Officer, Event security and site teams and keep a clear, concise log of all requests for assistance and personnel/patient movements on and off the event site.

MEDICAL PROVIDERS		
Primary Medical service Provider	Blue Screen Medics	087 0655323
Medical service Provider	Redcross	087 2643446

AMBULANCE PROVIDERS		
Emergency Ambulance	Redcross	3 units (one 4 wheel drive)
Event Ambulance	Paramedic	I unit

EVENT MEDICAL STAFF

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Operational times	**Staffing	Names	Location	PHECC No
7am to 6.30pm	Redcross x 3 units	On request	3 designated locations	On request
7.30 to 6.30	Paramedic x 2		Medical centre will have one paramedic during the day and a second paramedic will be available throughout the venue.	

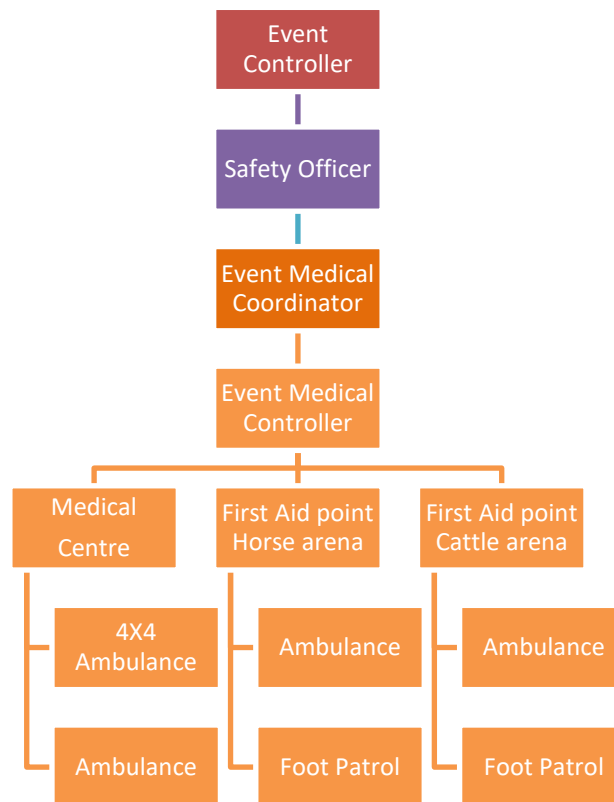
*A minimum of one EMT or paramedic should crew an ambulance, this person should be assigned to patient care not driving duties.
 ** Persons assigned to medical services should not be providing secondary functions.

MEDICAL STAFF

Operational times	Name	Location	MCRN
7am – 6.30pm	Available on request	3 designated positions	
Shift Times	Medical Centre: all day Horse Area: 12 noon to 6pm Cattle Area: 7.30am to 2pm		

Medical Officers should wear the appropriately marked PPE, and remain at their assigned locations.

Tinahely Agricultural Show 2025 Medical Coordination Structure



LOCATION OF EVENT MEDICAL FACILITIES

The Main Medical Centre will be situated:

SUMMARY OF PERSONNEL						
Location	Doctor (s)	Nurse(s)	A/Para	Paramedic	EMT	Other
Centre of show grounds				1	2	

An emergency ambulance will be located here at all times.

The First Aid post(s) will be situated:

SUMMARY OF PERSONNEL						
Location Post 1	Doctor (s)	Nurse(s)	A/Para	Paramedic	EMT	Other
Cattle area					2	
Location Post 2	Doctor (s)	Nurse(s)	A/Para	Paramedic	EMT	Other
Horse area				1	2	

It is not recommended that ambulances be used as first aid posts unless there is a back fill policy in operation should that vehicle be requires to the location.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The **Event Medical Co-ordinator** will be primarily located at the Medical centre and will have the following primary duties:

- To provide overall co-ordination of the various medical services providing medical cover to the event including the task of overall control and coordination of First Aid / medical provision & to have overall responsibility for allocation & movement of personnel & resources during the event
- To participate in relevant medical planning meetings and sign off on the Event Medical Plan and any drills and rehearsals
- To liaise with the event promoters / organisers, the Event Safety Officer, the National Ambulance Service Control, the Voluntary Emergency Services, An Garda Síochána, the HSE Environmental Health Service and any other services and agencies relevant to the event
- To allocate medical resources efficiently and effectively prior to and during the event and to keep the register of those of who have roles in the event medical plan
- To ensure that all the relevant processes and contact details are in place for effective and efficient communications
- To ensure that the appropriate PPE is being used
- To establish and maintain links throughout the event, as appropriate, with the receiving hospitals and the HSE emergency services
- To ensure that standard Patient Care Report Forms are completed for all medical assists and to provide a summary report to the organisers of event medical assists, in an agreed format, for the purpose of isolating trends etc
- To attend and contribute to the end-of-day debrief.
- Ensure all Voluntary Emergency Services commander have and don the appropriate tabards indicating their role.
- In event of emergency will convene the commander(s) of the Voluntary Emergency Services and or heads of other medical service providers
- Instruct all medical services to attend pre identified muster points
- Ensure roll call is conducted by all providers before deployment of resources.

MEDICAL & FIRST AID DUTIES

All medical personnel will operate within their scope of practice, as defined by Pre-Hospital Emergency Care, The Medical Council or An Bord Altranais.

The Event Medical Co-ordinator has the overall clinical responsibility for patients who seek medical/first aid assistance at the event. As such, all patient treatment & transfer requests will be notified to the Event Medical Co-ordinator for assessment and decision making.

All medical personnel will be registered & required to provide proof of registration and their PIN number to the Medical Co-ordinator.

All medical staff should be familiar with the policies and procedures of the event organiser/promoter.

TRANSFERS TO HOSPITAL

No patient will be transported without approval of the Event Medical Officer.

Patients who require emergency care or acute, non emergency care will be transferred by ambulance staffed with a paramedic.

An event ambulance may be used for transportation depending on the injury of the patient (consult CPGs) and following consultation with the event medical officer or event medical coordinator

All patients who are referred to hospital or to their GP by the event medical team will be given a referral letter, detailing their presentation & on-site treatment.

Turn around times to nearest hospitals

Hospital	Turnaround times	Issues
St Vincents	1 hour and 15 minutes	
Tallaght	1 hour and 15 minutes	
Loughlinstown	1 hour and 10 minutes	
Naas	1 hour and 5 minutes	

No ambulances should leave the site without informing event medical control.

PATIENT CARE REPORT

An Ambulatory Care Report (ACR) should be completed for each person that is ill or injured. The record should be filled in with all available details recorded, including whether the patient is a patron or member of staff and the exact location & description of any incident.

A Patient Care Report (PCR) should be completed for every patient. Medical & First Aid activity will be reported on & these reports will be forwarded to the HSE, Regional Emergency Management Office within a month of the event. The information required includes:

- a) Number of persons accessing medical / First Aid services including the number requiring actual treatment
- b) Number of persons transported to hospital
- c) A summary of illnesses and injuries by type.

(Names and personal details will not be detailed in this record but individual ACRs and PCRs will be retained).

REFUSAL OF TREATMENT

If a patron, who in the opinion of the event medical team responder requires medical treatment, refuses medical treatment, the responder will contact the Event Medical Co-ordinator, who will make every effort to persuade the patron to accept medical treatment. If the patron still refuses, s/he should sign a Refusal of Treatment form, witnessed by a third party.

EMERGENCY ROUTE

The emergency exit routes are detailed in the Traffic Management Plan

EVENT OPERATIONAL TIMINGS

Medical staff and resources will be on site from 7am until 6.30pm (minimum of one hour prior to public access to venue).

The Event Medical Co-ordinator will co-ordinate shifts, rest periods and meal break for all medical staff except the voluntary first aiders. Where more than one provider is engaged at an event, responsibility for staff welfare may be designated to the senior officer of the individual organisation, however all breaks etc should channelled through event

medical co-ordinator.

3. EVENT COMMUNICATIONS

EVENT COMMUNICATIONS

The main method of communications amongst the medical team and between the medical team and the other event staff will be short wave radio.

Requests for medical assistance will normally come via Event Control and request for medical assistance by speaking to the Event Medical Controller.

- The Event Medical Controller will contact and despatch appropriate medical/first aid personnel to assist
- Radio test will be carried out to all medical locations on site prior to start of event, any 'blackspots' should be immediately brought to attention of event medical coordinator
- Mobile phones are not recommended as cell overload can occur
- Where a number of services are operating on site, radio channels and frequencies should be clearly agreed and tested for conflict.

Communications with HSE National Ambulance service

Prior contact will be made with The HSE National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) **01 4633410** to confirm event is going ahead and the medical services are in operation on site, including:

- Exchange contact details between HSE NEOC & Event Medical services
- Exchange Tetra ISSI numbers of VES.
- Acquire status of designated hospital for the Event catchments area, and request to be notified of any change in this status
- On protracted events contact should be made on hourly basis to give the HSE NEOC an update of any off site transfers, this facilitates the monitoring of emergency department activity
- Event medical control will at the end of the event contact the HSE NEOC to confirm the event medical services are now stood down.

999/112 CALLS FROM THE PUBLIC AT THE EVENT

Should a member of the public call for medical assistance via 999/112 call, the National Ambulance Service Controller will contact the Event Medical Co-ordinator to inform them of the request. They will decide

whether the NAS Ambulance or the Event medical team is the appropriate medical responder. In the event that the Event Medical Co-ordinator is unreachable by the NAS Controller, the NAS Ambulance will be dispatched per normal NAS protocols.

LANDLINE NUMBER FOR EVENT 0402 34922

SIGNAGE & UNIFORMS

The First Aid Post will be signed so that it is visible from all points of the event.

All medical staff will wear appropriate identifying uniforms and PPE with their role identified clearly and be visible. Medical and First Aid vehicles and ambulances will be clearly labelled with the appropriate markings, and equipped to the appropriate level of the practitioner.

Sirens and blue lights will be used as per legislation, and will not be used on site except when considered necessary by the crew to clear a route when transferring a critically ill patient. As above the Event Medical Co-ordinator will inform Event Control of all ambulance movement on and off site.

Staff should only wear the title on PPE associated to the level of competency, First Aider, EMT, Paramedic, etc

4.INFECTION CONTROL & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS

INFECTION CONTROL

All event medical personnel will follow standard universal precautions to reduce the risk of acquiring infectious diseases. Alcohol hand-gel and gloves will be made available to all personnel. Each organisation is responsible for ensuring that their staff are wearing the correct PPE.

CLINICAL WASTE

All at-risk waste will be disposed of by event medical personnel in clearly marked yellow bags or yellow sharps bins. Arrangements for the disposal of Clinical Waste will be as per the existing protocols and arrangements of organisations providing medical cover.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS

Safe drinking water and sanitary facilities will be available for Medical providers. Safe drinking water from well source following water testing by HSE. Dervla Brown will carry out necessary testing.

SECTION 6. NATIONAL AMBULANCE CONTROL

HSE National Emergency Operations Centre to be contacted on the day to confirm that the event is commencing (01 4633410)

SECTION 7. SERIOUS INCIDENT/MAJOR EMERGENCY PLAN

SERIOUS INCIDENT

A serious incident is one where the on-site medical resources cannot deal with the incident in terms of numbers of patrons requiring medical attention or similar. A serious incident can be managed by the mobilisation of statutory service resources to the site. It should be distinguished from a situation where a Major Emergency has been formally declared. In a serious incident the decision to call the National Ambulance Service will be made by the Event Medical Co-ordinator in consultation with the Event Controller.

The Event Medical Coordinator contacts National Ambulance Control to inform them that a serious incident has occurred, using the ETHANE format:

E - Exact location (GPS or other location code, if available)

T - Type of incident

H - Hazards present and potential

A - Access to the location of the incident and the egress route

N - Number and severity of casualties

E - Emergency services present and required at the scene.

MAJOR EMERGENCY

A Major Emergency is one where the on site medical resources and the local HSE resources cannot deal with the numbers of patrons requiring medical attention or another of the PRAs has declared a major emergency. A Major emergency can only be declared by an authorised officer of one of the Principal Response Agencies.

In the event of an incident occurring which is beyond the capabilities of the event medical services on site and the need to acquire additional resources and support is required from the HSE NAS, the event medical control should contact the NAS NEOC.

- **Give an ETHANE message**
- **Convene the VES commander(s)**
- **Ensure event control are notified**
- **Liaise with HSE NAS both by phone regarding updates and in person upon arrival**
- **It will be assumed that the event activities have ceased and medical services of the site will come under the control of the senior NAS officer**
- **Should the information obtained by the NEOC or following dynamic risk assessment by NAS on arrival deem the situation beyond the resources in the area a major emergency will be declared.**

The NAS Ambulance Controller, NAS Manager on-duty or the first NAS Ambulance to arrive on-scene will then declare (or not) a Major Medical Incident using the same messaging protocol. The Event Medical Co-ordinator will assume the role of Ambulance Incident Office until relieved by suitably-qualified NAS personnel.

The following areas will be designated in the event of a Major Emergency:

- National Ambulance Service access point to venue – main gate
- Muster point for existing response personnel on-site – existing medical & first aid personnel on site will go to the Medical Centre if told to go to Muster Point or if due to the nature of the incident this is dangerous or not possible, they will go to the nearest First Aid Post and await further instructions from the Medical Co-ordinator – Andy Waters

- Additional Patient Waiting Area – Information Tent
- Potential location for an On-site Co-ordination Centre – Secretarys Tent
- Initial Triage Area – Secretarys Tent
- Media Liaison Point – Secretarys Tent

All event medical team personnel will remain at their assigned posts until re-assigned by the Event Medical Co-ordinator. All First Aid, ambulance, nursing and medical resources on site will support the HSE Controller of Operations and will co-operate with his or her requests.

Medical/First-aid activities in the event of a Major Medical Incident will follow the guidelines set out by PHECC and the Major Incident Medical Management and Support training program.

EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Exits from the event are clearly signposted. Evacuation will be controlled by Event Security and An Garda Siochana. In the event of evacuation of the First Aid Post, event medical personnel and resources will relocate to the Ambulance away from the incident (if the rest of the venue is intact) or a secondary location to be decided by the Event Medical Co-ordinator and An Garda Siochana (if the rest of the venue is compromised)

8. CROWD ISSUES

CRITICAL CROWD DENSITIES

LOST CHILDREN

Lost children will be escorted to the nearest medical/first aid post.

Where children (under 18yrs) are escorted to the medical /first aid post and do not require medical intervention, the person in charge of the post should:

- Ensure there two persons with the child at all times
- Confirm from escorting staff that the customer care team have been notified
- Contact customer care team and request that the child is moved to an appropriate location
- Notify medical co-ordinator
- Record occurrence in incident book

- Direct parents arriving to repatriate with children to customer care team
- Ensure children are not kept in the medical/first post for more than 15 minutes.

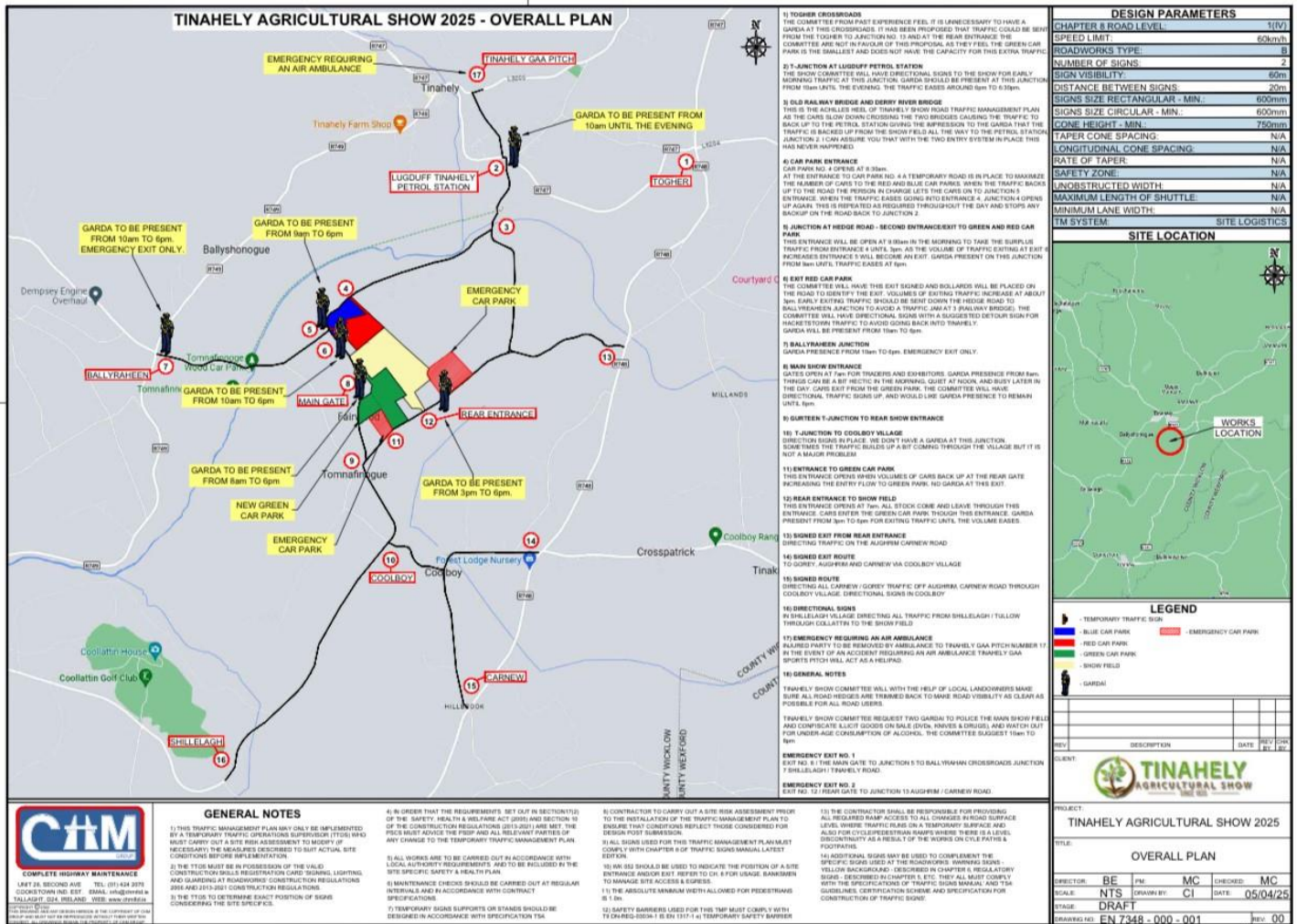
Should a child be in the medical/first aid post at the end of the event please put in place measures to supervise child. Lost children will be taken care of in the information tent by dedicated show staff.

UNACCOMPANIED PERSONNEL & MINORS AT END OF EVENT

Assessment and treatment of unaccompanied, unconscious adult patients will follow normal guidelines as set out by the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council until a next-of-kin can be contacted.

Should a minor be found in need of treatment then unaccompanied minors will be treated according to the following guidelines and the Children First guidelines. All medical personnel have been Garda-vetted and are, as such suitable to act as temporary guardians of unaccompanied minors until their legal guardians are contacted. Garda assistance will be sought for support with unaccompanied minors. Event Control will be kept informed of the situation.

Show Grounds and local road network:



Show Grounds Map

