



AN TÚDARÁS PÓILÍNEACHTA
POLICING AUTHORITY

Terms of Reference for Policing Authority Review of Public Order Policing

Context and background for Request

The context and background to this request is the Authority's oversight and assessment of Garda performance at two particular events - An Cosán and North Frederick Street - as well as its assessment of Garda Síochána reports on these matters. The Authority's oversight work has raised questions regarding public order policing and it is now seeking assurance through this review process that the issues which have arisen have been substantively addressed and reflected in practice.

In accordance with section 117(2)(c) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005, as amended, the Policing Authority hereby requests the Garda Inspectorate to examine the effectiveness of the policing of public order situations by the Garda Síochána. In particular, the inspection will focus on the contingency planning for and response to serious incidents that have the potential to undermine wider public confidence in policing as a result of serious breakdown in public order. It is not intended that this review will focus on major annual or recurring sporting or cultural events.

Specifically the Inspection will assess the effectiveness of policing with reference to international best practice and all the relevant factors affecting the following:

- Effective leadership and the embedding of human rights and the Code of Ethics in all aspects of public order policing;
- Organisational governance and accountability in terms of strategy, policy and strategic assessment of threat risk and harm and evidenced adherence to these;
- Operational capability (including outside Dublin), capacity, and delivery in terms of intelligence, risk assessment, planning, resourcing (to include equipment and technology), training, communications, decision-making and command; and
- Post-incident management in terms of investigation, organisational learning and health safety and welfare.

Timeframe

A draft report to be delivered to the Authority by 4 March 2019, for consideration by the Authority at its meeting later that month.