

Counter Corruption in An Garda Síochána

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Policing Authority Meeting

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Counter Corruption – Securing and Maintaining Public Confidence

- No more important quality for members and staff of An Garda Síochána than that they are honest and act with integrity.
- Not just corruption in a narrow sense but also fairness, behaviour and impartiality.
- An Garda Síochána being proactive about ensuring it's standards are followed by all it's staff.
- Vast majority of members and staff live up to high standards required.



Role of Anti- Corruption Unit

- Integrity Building Advice re:
 - Conflict of Interests
 - Protection of Data & Information
 - Inappropriate Relationships
 - Inappropriate or Excessive Hospitality
 - Secondary Business Interests
 - Receiving Perks
- With Cause or Random Drug Testing
- Vetting
- Intelligence Function
- Anonymous Reporting Function



Anti-Corruption Unit

- Operates in secure and confidential manner
- Receives all intelligence relating to anti-corruption
- Liaise with GSOC/IOPO on intelligence and information received



Anti-Corruption Unit

•Liaise with GSOC/IOPO on complaints reduction strategies

•Provide briefings to Student Gardaí and Detective training courses etc.

•Review current policies and procedures in the context of best practices and current case law.



Leadership

- The importance of the example set by leadership in An Garda Síochána
- Senior leaders must demonstrate commitment and firm leadership
- Active and intrusive supervision at all levels

