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Corporate publications		
Statement of Strategy	Policing Authority Strategy Statement 2019-21	A.600.2021
	Policing Authority Strategy Statement 2016-18	A.600.2018
Policing Authority Review of 2018	Policing Authority Review of 2018 (January, 2019)	A.905.2018
Policing Authority Review of 2019	Policing Authority Review of 2019 (December, 2019)	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
Policing Authority Review of 2020	Policing Authority Review of 2020 (December, 2020)	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
Policing Priorities	Policing Priorities 2021	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
	Policing Priorities 2020	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
	Policing Priorities 2019 – (Draft)	A.200.PRI.2019
	Policing Priorities 2018	A.200.PRI.2018
	Policing Priorities 2017	A.200.PRI.2017
Annual Reports	Policing Authority Annual Report 2020 (June, 2021)	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
	Policing Authority Annual Report 2019 (April, 2020)	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
	Policing Authority Annual Report 2018 (May, 2019)	A.900.2018
	Policing Authority Annual Report 2017 (June, 2018)	A.900.2017
	Policing Authority Annual Report 2016 (April, 2017)	A.900.2016
Report in accordance with section 62(O) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005	Report in accordance with section 62(O) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 (December, 2017)	A.905.62(O).2017
Annual Report of the Policing Authority for 2019 in accordance with Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 - 26 November 2020	Annual Report of the Policing Authority for 2019 in accordance with Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>

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Commission on the Future of Policing in Ireland		
Policing Authority's Submission to the Commission on the Future of Policing in Ireland	Submission to the Commission on the Future of Policing in Ireland (January, 2018)	A.907.CFP.01 /2018
Policing Authority's submission on the Report of the Commission on the Future of Policing in Ireland	Submission to the Department of Justice and Equality on the report of the Commission on the Future of Policing in Ireland (October, 2018)	A.907.CFP.10 /2018
Reports to the Minister for Justice and Equality		
Review of Performance of Functions: Independent Oversight of Policing in Ireland – the first five years	Review of Performance of Functions- Independent Oversight of Policing in Ireland - the first five years	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
Reports on monitoring and assessing the measures taken by the Garda Síochána to implement the Garda Inspectorate Report, <i>Changing Policing in Ireland</i>	Policing Authority's Seventh Report (February, 2019)	A.903.CPI7
	Policing Authority's Sixth Report (August, 2018)	A.903.CPI6
	Policing Authority's Fifth Report (June, 2018)	A.903.CPI5
	Policing Authority's Fourth Report (December, 2017)	A.903.CPI4
	Policing Authority's Third Report (July, 2017)	A.903.CPI3
	Policing Authority's Second Report (May, 2017)	A.903.CPI2
	Policing Authority's First Report (January, 2017)	A.903.CPI1
Reports on the Fennelly Commission	The Policing Authority's second and final report on the Fennelly Commission (July, 2018)	A.903.FEN.2018
	Policing Authority Progress Report on the Fennelly Commission (October 2017)	A.903.FEN.2017
Reports on the Garda Síochána Interim Internal Audit reports in relation to the Garda Training College in Templemore	Final report to the Minister in accordance with the Authority under Section 62O(6) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 (July, 2018)	A.903.FEN.2018
	Final Report to the Minister in accordance with the Authority under Section 62O(6) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005	A.903.COL.07 /2018
	Third report to the Minister in accordance with the Authority under Section 62O(6) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 (January, 2018)	A.903.COL.01 /2018

Publication	Hyperlink	Library Index Code
	Second report to the Minister in accordance with the Authority under Section 62O(6) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 (October, 2017)	A.903.COL.10 /2017
	First report to the Minister in accordance with the Authority under Section 62O(6) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 (July, 2017)	A.903.COL.07 /2017
Report on Garda Síochána Protected Disclosure	Report of the Policing Authority on the Garda Síochána Protected Disclosures Policy (November, 2016)	A.905.PRO.2016
Other Publications		
Policing Authority Assessment of Policing Performance	Policing Authority Assessment on Policing Performance (July 2018)	A.905.212.2018FY
Policing Authority Assessment of Policing Performance	Policing Authority Assessment on Policing Performance - 2019 half-year report	A.905.212.2019HY
Policing Authority Assessment of Policing Performance	Policing Authority Assessment on Policing Performance - 2019 full-year report	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
Policing Authority Assessment of Policing Performance	Policing Authority Assessment on Policing Performance - 2020 Half Year Report	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
Policing Authority Assessment of Policing Performance 2020	Policing Authority Assessment of Policing Performance 2020	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
Policing Authority Assessment of Policing Performance 2021	Policing Authority Assessment of Policing Performance 2021	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
Entry routes to the Garda Síochána	Submission to the Garda Inspectorate on entry routes to the Garda Síochána (April, 2017)	A.907.ENT.2017
Code of Ethics	Code of Ethics for the Garda Síochána (January, 2017)	A.211.ETH
Policing Authority Submission to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice: General Scheme on the Garda Síochána (Digital Recording) Bill	Policing Authority Submission to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice: General Scheme on the Garda Síochána (Digital Recording) Bill - 5 August 2021	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
Chairperson's Opening Statements	Opening Statement by the Chairperson of the Policing Authority to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice in relation to the General Scheme of the Garda Síochána (Digital Recording) Bill 2021 - 21 September 2021	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>

Publication	Hyperlink	Library Index Code
	Chairperson's Opening Statement in relation to the Garda Síochána Youth Diversion Programme - 17 January 2019	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
	Opening Statement by the Chairperson of the Policing Authority to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice and Equality - 21 March 2018	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
	Opening Statement by the Chairperson of the Policing Authority to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice and Equality - 27 September 2017	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
	Policing Authority Chairperson's Opening Statement in relation to Garda Performance - 23 February 2017	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
	Opening Statement by the Chairperson of the Policing Authority to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice and Equality - 28 September 2016	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
	Opening Statement by the Chairperson Josephine Feehily at the second meeting in public of the Policing Authority with the Garda Commissioner - 13 June 2016	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
	Opening Statement by Chairperson Josephine Feehily at the first meeting in public of the Policing Authority with the Garda Commissioner - 25 April 2016	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
Garda Síochána responses to Oversight questions on Roads Policing	Publication by the Policing Authority of Garda Síochána responses to Oversight questions on Roads Policing (June, 2018)	A.901.ROA.2018
Public Order Policing: A Review of Practices in the Garda Síochána	Report of the Garda Síochána Inspectorate: Public Order Policing: A Review of Practices in the Garda Síochána (April, 2019)	D.305.GAR
Policing Authority commentary in relation to the Crowe Horwath Final Report	Policing Authority commentary in relation to the Crowe Horwath Final Report (October, 2017)	A.908.CRO.2017
Review of Matters Related to Mandatory Intoxicant Testing and the Issue of Summonses by the Garda Síochána	Crowe Horwath Final Report to the Policing Authority: Review of Matters Related to Mandatory Intoxicant Testing and the Issue of Summonses by the Garda Síochána (October, 2017)	A.905.309.CRO.2017
Working together towards better policing for Ireland	The role of the Garda Inspectorate. GSOC and the Policing Authority	A.218.POL

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Measuring Trust in the Police: An International Comparative Perspective - 24 July 2019	Measuring Trust in the Police - An International Comparative Perspective	Hard copy available upon request
A Public Conversation on Community Safety Oversight – what should it mean in an Irish policing context? – 13 November 2019	A Public Conversation on Community Safety Oversight - what should it mean in an Irish policing context?	Hard copy available upon request
Commentary in relation to the Garda Síochána Homicide Investigation Review Team Final Report - 19 December 2019	Commentary in relation to the Garda Síochána Homicide Investigation Review Team Final Report	Hard copy available upon request
The Experiences of Victims of Crime with the Garda Síochána - Interim Report - 21 October 2020	The Experiences of Victims of Crime with the Garda Síochána - Interim Report	Hard copy available upon request
Policing Authority Academic Engagement Networking Event 2020 - Conference Report - 10 December 2020	Policing Authority Academic Engagement Networking Event 2020 - Conference Report	Hard copy available upon request
Terms of Reference for a Review of Adult Caution Scheme in the Garda Síochána - 17 October 2019	Terms of Reference for a Review of Adult Caution Scheme in the Garda Síochána - 17 October 2019	Hard copy available upon request
Review of the Adult Cautioning Scheme - Final Report - December 2020	Review of the Adult Cautioning Scheme - Final Report - December 2020	Hard copy available upon request
Policing Authority Commentary on the Review of the Adult Cautioning Scheme - 4 February 2021	Policing Authority Commentary on the Review of the Adult Cautioning Scheme	Hard copy available upon request
Children’s Rights and Police Questioning: A Qualitative Study of Children’s Experiences of being interviewed by the Garda Síochána - 24 February 2021	Children's Rights and Police Questioning: A Qualitative Study of Children's Experiences of being interviewed by the Garda Síochána	Hard copy available upon request
ACJRD Conference Welcome Address – 4 June 2021	Conference Welcome Address: Protecting the Human Rights of Vulnerable Suspects and Offenders: Defining, Identifying and Responding to Vulnerabilities - 4 June 2021	Hard copy available upon request
Survey and Interview on Victims' Experiences with the Garda Síochána - May 2021	Survey and Interview on Victims' Experiences with the Garda Síochána - May 2021	Hard copy available upon request

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<i>Policing Authority Reports to the Minister on COVID-19 Policing</i>		
Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 Health Crisis - 19 July 2021	Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 Health Crisis - 19 July 2021	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 Health Crisis - 18 May 2021	Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 Health Crisis - 18 May 2021	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 Health Crisis - 19 April 2021	Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 Health Crisis - 19 April 2021	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 Health Crisis - 15 March 2021	Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 Health Crisis - 15 March 2021	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 Health Crisis - 18 February 2021	Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 Health Crisis - 18 February 2021	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 - 18 December 2020	Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 - 18 December 2020	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 - 9 November 2020	Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 - 9 November 2020	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 - 9 October 2020	Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 - 9 October 2020	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 - 11 September 2020	Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 - 11 September 2020	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 - 17 July 2020	Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 - 17 July 2020	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 - 25 June 2020	Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 - 25 June 2020	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 - 4 June 2020	Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 - 4 June 2020	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>

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Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 - 20 May 2020	Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 - 20 May 2020	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 - 6 May 2020	Report on Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána during COVID-19 - 6 May 2020	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
Report on the Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána in relation to the Health Act 1947 (Section 31 – Temporary Restrictions) (COVID-19) Regulations 2020	Report on the Policing Performance by the Garda Síochána in relation to the Health Act 1947 (Section 31 - Temporary Restrictions) (COVID-19) Regulations 2020	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>
<i>Policing Authority COVID-19 Publications</i>		
Submission to Evaluation of Anti-Spit Hoods - 2 October 2020	Submission to Evaluation of Anti-Spit Hoods	<i>Hard copy available upon request</i>

General Information about the Policing Authority

The Policing Authority is an independent statutory body which was established on 1 January 2016. The Authority was established by the [Garda Síochána \(Policing Authority and Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 2015](#) on 01 January 2016. Our primary function is to oversee the performance of the Garda Síochána in relation to policing services.

The following information on the Authority is available on our website:

- [An overview of the Authority](#)
- [Details of what the Authority does in undertaking its statutory functions](#)
- [The role of other bodies involved in policing oversight](#)
- [The Authority's Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and other Governance documents](#)
- [Information on Members of the Authority](#)
- [Authority meetings information](#)
- [The Strategy Statement 2019-21 and annual Corporate Priorities](#)
- [Publications by the Authority](#)
- [Contact details for the Authority](#)
- [Contact details for FOI Requests: \[foi@policingauthority.ie\]\(mailto:foi@policingauthority.ie\) or FOI Officer, The Policing Authority, 4 th Floor, 90 King St. North, D07 N7CV](#)
- [Pay and Grading Structure:](#)
Staff of the Authority are Civil Servants of the State and details of their pay and grading structure (consistent with that of all public servants) is available from the [Department of Public Expenditure and Reform](#)

Garda Síochána (Policing Authority and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2015

(Act 49 of 2015)

Garda Síochána (Policing Authority and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2015 (Bill 47 of 2015)

Bill entitled an Act to amend the Garda Síochána Act 2005 to provide for the establishment and functions of a body to be known as An tÚdarás Póilíneachta or, in the English language, the Policing Authority for the purpose of overseeing the performance by the Garda Síochána of its functions relating to policing services; to amend the provisions of that Act relating to the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission and the Garda Síochána Inspectorate; and to provide for related matters

The Authority

The Authority has 9 members – the chairperson and 8 ordinary members. Members are appointed by the Government following a selection process run by the Public Appointments Service. The Authority is supported by a team of core staff headed up by the Chief Executive Officer.

Corporate Governance

Good corporate governance is central to how the Authority successfully delivers its statutory obligations.

Our Governance Framework describes the structures, policies and processes that are in place to deliver on these obligations. It also provides for an objective assessment of management and corporate performance.

Freedom of Information

The Policing Authority is committed to its key value of transparency and publishes its minutes and reports on an ongoing basis. In addition, under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 information held by the Policing Authority, which is not routinely available through other sources, can be requested.

Procurement Opportunities

The Authority procures goods and services based on competitive tendering processes.

Career Opportunities

The Authority is a modern, progressive employer which prides itself on its professional and agile workforce and friendly and supportive culture. A civil service employer, the Authority believes in providing an excellent working environment and appropriate career development opportunities.

Consultations

The Authority is always mindful of its commitment to serving the interests of the public in its work. We welcome and, from time to time, actively seek the contributions and views of the public and stakeholders on our strategies and policies and offer an opportunity to highlight issues that you consider we should prioritise.

Quality Customer Service

The Authority is committed to providing a high quality service to its customers. Our Customer Service Charter sets out our role and the standards of service that you can expect from us.

Research

An important objective of the Policing Authority is to add to the body of knowledge in respect of policing in Ireland, to identify best practice, and to contribute to national and international benchmarking. The Authority has commissioned a range of research in pursuit of this objective.

COVID-19

Since the latter half of February, the Authority has adapted how it carries out its oversight of the Garda Síochána in the context of COVID-19. This has involved frequent, open and effective contact with the Garda Síochána about both their preparedness for and the day-to-day management of policing at this time.

Data Protection

The Authority is committed to protecting your personal data and respecting your privacy. Personal information can be requested under The Data Protection Act and GDPR.

Details of what the Authority does in undertaking its statutory functions

The primary remit of the Authority is to oversee the performance of the Garda Síochána in delivering policing services. We do this in a number of ways which are described below.

Oversight of Policing

The main function of the Policing Authority is to oversee the performance of the Garda Síochána in the provision of policing services. We do this in a number of ways, including by:

- Approving the three year Garda Síochána Strategy Statement
- Setting annual Policing Priorities and performance targets for the Garda Síochána
- Approving the Annual Policing Plan
- Holding monthly meetings with the Garda Commissioner, including meetings in public at least four times each year, which are live streamed and are available to broadcast by the media, as required by statute.
- Building independent sources of evidence to assess performance through engagement with a broad range of stakeholders
- Reviewing arrangements and mechanisms within the Garda Síochána for
 - Corporate governance
 - Recruitment, training and development
 - Performance measurement and accountability
 - Management and deployment of resources
- Reporting and providing advice to the Minister for Justice and Equality arising from the Authority's functions and on request

In 2016 the Authority developed a Code of Ethics for the Garda Síochána which sets standards of conduct and practice for members of the Garda Síochána. The Authority continues to oversee the embedding of the Code on an ongoing basis as part of its oversight activities- [view Code of Ethics \(pdf\)](#)

Appointments

The Authority undertakes a range of activities relating to the selection and appointment of personnel in the Garda Síochána, including:

- Nominating persons for appointment by the Government to the positions of Garda Commissioner and Deputy Garda Commissioner
- Undertaking selection competitions for appointments to the senior ranks of Assistant Commissioner, Chief Superintendent and Superintendent
- Making appointments to these senior ranks and equivalent senior Garda staff positions
- Approving the complement of Garda staff
- Overseeing a range of other functions relating to workforce planning, recruitment, promotion and training by the Garda Síochána.

Previously these functions were performed by the Garda Síochána and the Department of Justice and Equality.

Public Awareness and Engagement

The Policing Authority places a high value on transparency to promote awareness of policing performance and related issues in Irish society including to the general public and other interested parties.

It communicates and engages with stakeholders to learn about and gain feedback about expectations and experiences which inform its work by:

- Publishing agendas and minutes of Authority meetings on our website
- Holding meetings and other events in public
- Holding public consultations with stakeholders and the general public
- Engaging directly with key stakeholders such as Joint Policing Committees and civil society
- Publishing reports and other material on our website

Research

An important objective of the Policing Authority is to add to the body of knowledge in respect of policing in Ireland, to identify best practice, and to contribute to national and international benchmarking including by:

- Undertaking in-house research to support the work of the Executive, the Authority and its Committees in achieving the organisation's statutory functions and corporate priorities
- Commissioning or assisting in research projects in respect of matters relating to policing services
- Launching a Research Bursary, with up to €25,000 being made available in 2019 to fund a project or projects covering the research themes selected by the Authority
- Building networks with others in the policing and oversight arenas, nationally and internationally, including oversight bodies, academic and research institutions, and other stakeholders.

Remit of the Policing Authority

The Policing Authority is an independent agency established to oversee the performance of the Garda Síochána in relation to policing services in Ireland. The Authority was established by the enactment of the [Garda Síochána \(Policing Authority and Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 2015](#) which amends the [Garda Síochána Act 2005](#).

The [Act](#) provides for an extensive range of functions for the Authority, some of which were previously the responsibility of Government or the Minister for Justice and Equality.

The overarching role of the Authority is to oversee the performance by the Garda Síochána of its functions relating to policing services. The Act provides that in doing so, the Authority shall:

- Set priorities and performance targets for the Garda Síochána
- Approve a Strategy Statement and Annual Policing Plan submitted by the Garda Commissioner
- Keep under review:
 - the performance by the Garda Síochána of its functions
 - the arrangements and strategies in place to support and enhance the performance of those functions
 - the adequacy of:
 1. the corporate governance arrangements and structures within the Garda Síochána
 2. the arrangements for the recruitment, training and development of the members and members of the civilian staff of the Garda Síochána
 3. the mechanisms in place within the Garda Síochána for the measurement of performance and accountability of such members and staff
 4. the arrangements for managing and deploying the resources available to the Garda Síochána so as to ensure the most beneficial, effective and efficient use of those resources
- hold so many meetings with the Garda Commissioner as are necessary for the performance of its functions, at least four of which each year may be attended by the public and the media be permitted to broadcast
- Keep itself generally informed as to:
 - complaints made against members of the Garda Síochána and the application of the Disciplinary Regulations
 - trends and patterns in crimes committed
- Undertake, commission or assist in research projects in respect of matters relating to policing services, which in the opinion of the Authority, may:
 - promote an improvement in standards for those matters and public awareness of them or
 - contribute to a reduction in the number of complaints against members of the Garda Síochána in relation to those matters

- Monitor and assess measures taken by the Garda Síochána in relation to recommendations made in a report of the Garda Síochána Inspectorate.
- The Act provides for a number of other discrete functions which include:
- Responsibility for
 - nominating persons for appointment by the Government to the posts of Garda Commissioner and Deputy Garda Commissioner, following a selection process undertaken by the Public Appointments Service
 - appointing persons to the ranks of Garda Superintendent, Chief Superintendent and Assistant Commissioner
 - approval of the appointment by the Garda Commissioner of civilian staff
 - appointment of the civilian staff of the Garda Síochána of grades equivalent to or above that of Chief Superintendent
 - removing or recommending the removal of members of the Garda Síochána at those ranks for stated reasons relating to policing services
- Establishing a Garda Code of Ethics within 12 months of the establishment of the Authority i.e. by end 2016
- Issuing guidelines to Local Authorities and the Garda Commissioner concerning the establishment and maintenance of Joint Policing Committees (JPCs) and convening meetings of JPC chairpersons for the purpose of coordinating or facilitating the performance of their functions
- Provision of information and advice to the Minister on a range of issues including:
 - matters relating to policing services and, in particular, matters relevant to the accountability of the Government to the Oireachtas
 - the resources that are likely to be required by the Garda Síochána to perform its functions in each forthcoming financial year
 - measures taken by the Garda Síochána in relation to recommendations made in a report of the Garda Síochána Inspectorate
 - developments in respect of matters relating to policing services
 - recommendations to assist the Minister in co-ordinating and developing policy in that regard
 - best policing practice
- Promotion of the policing principles and public awareness of matters relating to policing services and support the continuous improvement of policing in the State

Under section 26(3) of the Garda Act 2005, the Garda Commissioner is accountable to the Minister for Justice and Equality for the performance of the Commissioner's functions and those of the Garda Síochána.

Information on Members of the Authority

The Authority members are appointed by the Government following selection processes run by the Public Appointments Service.

The **legislation which established the Authority** provides for the Authority to have a total of nine members – a Chairperson and eight ordinary members. The composition of the Authority is in line with the statutory objective of there being at least 4 men and at least 4 women on the Authority.

The **Act** requires that Authority members should have appropriate experience, qualifications, training or expertise and knowledge in areas connected with:

- Policing matters
- Human rights and equality matters
- Public sector administration
- Board management and corporate governance
- Work undertaken by voluntary groups with local communities, in particular work to promote safety in the community, prevent crime or promote awareness of other issues that are relevant to policing services.

Members of either House of the Oireachtas, MEPs, members of Local Authorities, serving members or staff of the Garda Síochána, and members of GSOC or the Garda Inspectorate are not eligible to be members of the Authority.

The Authority is supported by the Executive which consists of a core team of staff headed up by Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Helen Hall.



Bob Collins

Bob Collins was appointed to the Authority on 1 January 2016 and was appointed as Chairperson from 1 January 2020. He is a member of the board of the National Library of Ireland. He is a former Director-General of RTÉ, served as Chief Commissioner of the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland from 2005 to 2012 and was Chair of the Arts Council of Northern Ireland. He was the first Chair of the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland and has also served on a number of other boards including the National Concert Hall and the Ulster Orchestra.



Deborah Donnelly

Deborah Donnelly has had a long career in the public service in Northern Ireland working mainly in the areas of policing and criminal justice. Since 2012 she has worked independently specialising in governance and equality matters. She has worked with DFAT and internationally on issues relating to Women, Peace and Security. She is a Commissioner with the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland, she chairs Ark Housing Association and holds a number of voluntary roles.



Valerie Judge

Valerie Judge is an independent management consultant, specialising in supporting senior executives to improve personal and organisational performance. She previously worked in a number of senior HR and general management roles in the health and telecommunications sectors and as CEO of a multifunctional shared services centre. Her qualifications include MBA, BSocSc, and Diplomas in ICT, Health Economics, Governance and Executive Coaching. Valerie has been a member and chair of a number of state and charity boards.



Paul Mageean

Paul Mageean is a qualified solicitor from Belfast. He spent some time in private practice and also spent almost ten years working as the Legal Officer with the Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ), the leading human rights organisation in Northern Ireland. More recently, he worked for Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland and was also the Director of the Institute of Professional Legal Studies at Queens University Belfast. He is a member of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission and serves as a Parole Commissioner in Northern Ireland and as a member of the Parole Board in the Republic of Ireland. He also chairs the Public Interest Litigation Support (PILS) Project which seeks to support strategic litigation in the human rights and equality field.



Dr Moling Ryan

Dr. Moling Ryan served as Chief Executive of the Legal Aid Board from 2004 to 2014. He previously served in a number of offices and Departments including Finance, Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Land Registry and the Courts Service. He was called to the Bar in 1979 and also has degrees from the National University of Ireland, Trinity College and Queens University, Belfast.

On 9 February 2021 the Policing Authority welcomed the news that Government had approved the nomination of four new Members to the Policing Authority following an open competition run by the Public Appointments Service.

The four members were:

Shalom Binchy

Shalom Binchy qualified as a Solicitor in 1996 and has over 25 years' experience representing clients in complex cases in Criminal and Mental Health Law. She has represented clients in several ground-breaking cases paving the way for constitutional and legislative reform and increased protection to clients. Shalom is a member of the Human Rights Committee of the Law Society of Ireland and engages with the Government and other bodies to advocate for reform in the criminal justice system. She is a former Chair of the Society's Criminal Law Committee. Shalom was also involved in developing and delivering the DCU/Law Society of Ireland Supralat training programme to lawyers in Ireland and Scotland which focused on the Rights of Persons in Custody. She has spoken at conferences on the protection of rights within the criminal justice and mental health legal system. Shalom founded Shalom Binchy and Co. Solicitors in 2002 and in February 2021 joined Sheehan and Partners as a Partner with the merger of both firms.

Elaine Byrne

Dr Elaine Byrne is a practising barrister on the South Eastern and Dublin Circuits with a specialisation in Regulatory Law and Employment Law.

She has acted as a consultant on governance matters for the European Commission, the United Nations and the World Bank. Her book, "Political Corruption in Ireland 1922-2010: A Crooked Harp," was published in 2012. She has served as a member of the Hamilton Review Group on Economic Crime and Corruption, and the Seanad Working Group on Reform.

Dr Dónal de Buitléir

Dr Dónal de Buitléir is Chairman of the Low Pay Commission and the Professional Standards Board of Chartered Accountants Ireland. He spent the early part of his career in the civil service ending up as Assistant Secretary in the Office of the Revenue Commissioners. He worked for 20 years in the private sector (AIB Group). Since leaving the civil service he has chaired or been a member of Government Review bodies in the areas of local government, health, education and taxation and welfare policy. He was a Board member of the Health Services Executive 2005-09. He is an Eisenhower Fellow.

Stephen Martin

Stephen Martin was a police officer in Northern Ireland for nearly 34 years. As a senior leader he gained broad experience across a range of commands, variously responsible for: all local policing and major events; serious and organised crime investigation; public protection; corporate governance; professional standards; organisational change and performance. He retired as the Deputy Chief Constable in January 2020. He is currently the non-executive chair of the Irish Football Association and sits on the Prince's Trust Northern Ireland Advisory Committee. He is a Chartered Director, a fellow of both the Institute of Directors and the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development, and he holds an MBA with Ulster University.

Authority Meetings Information

Policing Authority meetings

The Authority holds a full day meeting each month, except in the month of August. The agenda for this meeting is published on the website one week in advance and can be found via the [Upcoming Meetings](#) page. The schedule of meetings for the year is published in advance and distinguishes between meetings to be held in private or public.

In addition, additional meetings may be called if required.

Policing Authority meetings with the Garda Commissioner

A key aspect of the Authority's oversight is its engagement with the Garda Commissioner. Each monthly meeting includes a meeting with the Garda Commissioner. The [Garda Síochána \(Policing Authority and Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 2015](#) requires that the Authority hold at least four meetings per annum with the Commissioner in public which are available to be broadcast by the media. To date the Authority has held five meetings with the Commissioner in public each year.

Meetings held in public

One of the Policing Authority's core values is transparency. In keeping with this and its statutory obligations, the Authority holds some of its meetings with the Garda Commissioner in public. These meetings can be attended by the public and media and are live streamed so that they can be viewed on line. Recordings of previous meetings are available to view and can be found in:

- [Previous Meetings](#)
- [Videos](#)
- [Policing Authority YouTube channel](#)

In total 5 meetings were held in public each year since the Authority's establishment and this will continue in 2019 with meetings in public scheduled for January, February, April, June, September and November. In addition a public event bringing stakeholders together to discuss the Report of the Garda Síochána Culture Audit was held in May 2018.

The agendas for meetings with the Garda Commissioner cover a range of topics in relation to policing performance including topical issues relating to policing. The Commissioner's Monthly Report to the Policing Authority is also discussed.

On occasion, meetings with the Commissioner in public focus on a particular theme which allows for a more in-depth discussion around certain important topics. To date these have included Roads Policing (April 2017), Training (May 2017), Children (April 2018), Diversity (June 2018) and the Garda Youth Diversion Programme (January 2019). Themed meetings and preparation may be undertaken in consultation with relevant civil society groups and provide a focus and a forum for a public discussion on areas of particular public interest.

Previous Policing Authority Meetings			
2021		2020	
Agenda	Minutes	Agenda	Minutes
23/09/2021	23/09/2021	16/12/2020	16/12/2020
07/09/2021	07/09/2021	25/11/2020	25/11/2020
29/07/2021	29/07/2021	13/11/2020	13/11/2020
08/07/2021	08/07/2021	28/10/2020	28/10/2020
29/06/2021	29/06/2021	30/09/2020	30/09/2020
24/06/2021	24/06/2021	17/09/2020	17/09/2020
27/05/2021	27/05/2021	02/09/2020	02/09/2020
13/05/2021	13/05/2021	19/08/2020	19/08/2020
29/04/2021	29/04/2021	27/07/2020	27/07/2020
25/03/2021	25/03/2021	17/07/2020	17/07/2020
25/02/2021	25/02/2021	03/07/2020	03/07/2020
28/01/2021	28/01/2021	24/06/2020	24/06/2020
08/01/2021	08/01/2021	27/05/2020	27/05/2020
		15/05/2020	15/05/2020
		29/04/2020	29/04/2020
		23/04/2020	23/04/2020
		07/04/2020	07/04/2020
		25/03/2020	25/03/2020
		09/03/2020	09/03/2020
		26/02/2020	26/02/2020
		29/01/2020	29/01/2020
2019		2018	
Agenda	Minutes	Agenda	Minutes
16/12/2019	16/12/2019	13/12/2018	13/12/2018
27/11/2019	27/11/2019	22/11/2018	22/11/2018
23/10/2019	23/10/2019	20/11/2018	20/11/2018

26/09/2019	26/09/2019	25/10/2018	25/10/2018
02/09/2019	02/09/2019	11/10/2018	11/10/2018
24/07/2019	24/07/2019	27/09/2018	27/09/2018
26/06/2019	26/06/2019	26/07/2018	26/07/2018
06/06/2019	06/06/2019	28/06/2018	28/06/2018
23/05/2019	23/05/2019	19/06/2018	19/06/2018
10/05/2019	10/05/2019	24/05/2018	24/05/2018
18/04/2019	18/04/2019	15/05/2018	15/05/2018
28/03/2019	28/03/2019	26/04/2018	26/04/2018
28/02/2019	28/02/2019	22/03/2018	22/03/2018
24/01/2019	24/01/2019	22/02/2018	22/02/2018
17/01/2019	17/01/2019	25/01/2018	25/01/2018
2017		2016	
Agenda	Minutes	Agenda	Minutes
18/12/2017	18/12/2017	14/12/2016	14/12/2016
23/11/2017	23/11/2017	24/11/2016	24/11/2016
11/11/2017	11/11/2017	27/10/2016	27/10/2016
26/10/2017	26/10/2017	29/09/2021	29/09/2021
12/10/2017	12/10/2017	28/07/2021	28/07/2021
28/09/2017	28/09/2017	11/07/2016	11/07/2016
06/09/2017	06/09/2017	30/06/2016	30/06/2016
27/07/2017	27/07/2017	13/06/2016	13/06/2016
13/07/2017	13/07/2017	26/05/2016	26/05/2016
29/06/2017	29/06/2017	25/04/2016	25/04/2016
25/05/2017	25/05/2017	14/03/2016	14/03/2016
27/04/2017	27/04/2017	24/02/2016	24/02/2016
06/04/2017	06/04/2017	28/01/2016	28/01/2016
27/03/2017	27/03/2017		
23/03/2017	23/03/2017		
23/02/2017	23/02/2017		
16/02/2017	16/02/2017		
13/02/2017	13/02/2017		
26/01/2017	26/01/2017		

Guidelines for attending Policing Authority Meetings

Members of the public and representatives of stakeholders and interest groups are welcome to attend the Authority's meetings in public. There is no charge for attendance;

If you are interested in attending one of our meetings you will find the [meeting details on our Upcoming Meetings page](#). We ask that you register in advance of attending a meeting using the booking facility on that page to facilitate with planning capacity and managing health and safety issues.

Before the meeting

- Details on how to register will be published on the Authority's website about one week before each meeting. When you register you will be issued with a ticket which you should bring with you to the meeting;
- Any member of the public who requires any special assistance should contact the Policing Authority in advance of the meeting, by phone at 01 8589090 or by email at events@policingauthority.ie
- On arrival at the meeting attendees should show their ticket and sign the attendance sheet;
- Attendees should be seated ten minutes before the meeting starts;
- Attendees must follow the directions of the stewards while on the premises;

During the meeting

The meeting is an engagement between the Authority and the Garda Commissioner which members of the public and media are present to observe. There will be no opportunities for the audience to participate in the meeting.

Attendees should note the following:

- All business at the Authority meetings will be conducted through the Chairperson. The Chairperson may:
 - direct that a particular matter not be discussed in the meeting for reasons of confidentiality
 - direct that a matter be referred to a meeting to be held in private, without public or press present, in order to protect confidentiality
 - request that an individual be silent, resume their seat or leave the meeting if their behaviour is disruptive
- Silence must be observed at all times and if an attendee needs to leave the room during the meeting, they are asked to do so quietly without disturbing the meeting
- Mobile phones should be switched off and attendees may be asked to switch off other electronic devices if interfering with the meeting
- Food and drink may not be consumed in the meeting room
- Please note that the event will be streamed live on the internet and a video recording will be made of the meeting for online broadcast. Attendees should be aware that anyone present may appear as part of that record.

Committees

The Authority has established a number of committees to oversee the governance and progress the work of the Authority in relation to its statutory priorities. Each Committee is established under terms of reference which set out their purpose and guide their work. These are reviewed each year and are subject to amendment in the context of the evolving work programme of the Authority.

There are currently four committees in place.

In addition, a committee to establish and oversee the implementation of a Code of Ethics for the Garda Síochána was in place from 2016 to 2018 and was disbanded in late 2018.

Click on each Committee below to view its membership, Terms of Reference and other information including minutes of Committee meetings.

Audit and Risk Committee

The Committee oversees the Authority's control environment, tasked with providing independent advice to the Accounting Officer and the Authority and supporting them in their responsibilities for issues of audit, risk, internal control and governance.

Policing Strategy and Performance Committee

The Committee monitors and evaluates the day-to-day performance of the Garda Síochána, with a particular focus on progress against the annual Policing Plan. The Committee provides advice to the Authority on determining the annual Policing Priorities and performance targets and on the Garda Síochána Statement of Strategy, annual Policing Plan and annual Reports.

Garda Organisation Development Committee

The Committee was established to oversee the transformation and modernisation programme in the Garda Síochána. Since late 2018 it has responsibility for the continuing oversight of the Code of Ethics in the Garda Síochána.

Garda Appointments Quality Assurance and Selection Governance Committee

The Committee provides governance and quality assurance with regard to the Authority's selection competitions undertaken for appointment to the ranks of Assistant Commissioner, Chief Superintendent and Superintendent in the Garda Síochána.

Committee Disbanded

Code of Ethics Committee

The Committee was put in place in 2016 to establish the Code of Ethics for the Garda Síochána. In 2017 and 2018, its remit was to oversee the embedding of the Code in the Garda Síochána. It was disbanded in late 2018.

Audit and Risk Committee

The Committee oversees the Authority's control environment, tasked with providing independent advice to the Accounting Officer and the Authority and supporting them in their responsibilities for issues of risk, internal control and governance. The Committee reviews the comprehensiveness, reliability and integrity of assurances to the Authority and the Accounting Officer, including the suitability and robustness of the organisation's internal control, internal audit, risk management and governance systems and procedures.

Committee Members

Dr. Moling Ryan - Chair

Ronan Nolan (external member)

Melanie Pine (external member)

Audit and Risk Committee Documents	
Committee Documents 2021	Committee Documents 2020
Meeting Minutes 15/06/2021	Meeting Minutes 10/12/2020
Meeting Minutes 23/04/2021	Meeting Minutes 15/10/2020
Meeting Minutes 23/02/2021	Meeting Minutes 17/09/2020
	Meeting Minutes 23/07/2020
	Meeting Minutes 16/06/2020
	Meeting Minutes 25/02/2020
	Audit and Risk Committee Charter – June 2020
	Annual Report 2019
Committee Documents 2019	Committee Documents 2018
Meeting Minutes 03/12/2019	Meeting Minutes 04/12/2018
Meeting Minutes 17/09/2019	Meeting Minutes 18/09/2018
Meeting Minutes 11/06/2019	Meeting Minutes 01/05/2018
Meeting Minutes 19/03/2019	Meeting Minutes 27/03/2018
Audit and Risk Committee Charter – July 2017	Meeting Minutes 13/02/2018
Annual Report 2018	Audit and Risk Committee Charter – July 2017
	Annual Report 2017
Committee Documents 2017	Committee Documents 2016
Meeting Minutes 14/12/2017	Meeting Minutes 22/11/2016
Meeting Minutes 10/10/2017	Meeting Minutes 07/07/2016
Meeting Minutes 18/07/2017	Audit and Risk Charter – June 2016
Meeting Minutes 09/05/2017	
Meeting Minutes 09/02/2017	
Audit and Risk Committee Charter – July 2017	

Policing Strategy and Performance Committee

The Committee was established in 2016 to monitor and evaluate the day-to-day performance of the Garda Síochána, with a particular focus on progress made against the annual Policing Plan. The Committee provides advice to the Authority on determining the annual Policing Priorities and performance targets and on the Garda Síochána Statement of Strategy, annual Policing Plan and annual Reports.

Committee Members

Dr. Deborah Donnelly
(Chair)

Dr. Moling Ryan

Shalom Binchy

Stephen Martin

Ronan Nolan (External)

Policing Strategy and Performance Committee	
Committee Documents 2021	Committee Documents 2020
Meeting Minutes 20/07/2021	Meeting Minutes 07/12/2020
Meeting Minutes 19/04/2021	Meeting Minutes 19/11/2020
Meeting Minutes 16/03/2021	Meeting Minutes 19/10/2020
Meeting Minutes 15/02/2021	Meeting Minutes 21/09/2020
	Meeting Minutes 20/07/2020
	Meeting Minutes 15/06/2020
	Meeting Minutes 20/04/2020
	Meeting Minutes 03/04/2020
	Meeting Minutes 17/02/2020
	Meeting Minutes 20/01/2020
Committee Documents 2019	Committee Documents 2018
Meeting Minutes 21/11/2019	Meeting Minutes 06/12/2018
Meeting Minutes 19/09/2019	Meeting Minutes 19/11/2018
Meeting Minutes 19/07/2019	Meeting Minutes 13/09/2018
Meeting Minutes 20/06/2019	Meeting Minutes 16/07/2018
Meeting Minutes 21/03/2019	Meeting Minutes 14/06/2018
Meeting Minutes 06/02/2019	Meeting Minutes 14/05/2018
Terms of Reference – January 2018	Meeting Minutes 08/03/2018
	Meeting Minutes 11/01/2018
	Terms of Reference – January 2018

Committee Documents 2017	Committee Documents 2016
<u>Meeting Minutes 07/12/2017</u>	<u>Meeting Minutes 05/12/2016</u>
<u>Meeting Minutes 09/11/2017</u>	<u>Meeting Minutes 08/11/2016</u>
<u>Meeting Minutes 03/11/2017</u>	<u>Meeting Minutes 11/10/2016</u>
<u>Meeting Minutes 12/10/2017</u>	<u>Meeting Minutes 14/07/2016</u>
<u>Meeting Minutes 14/09/2017</u>	<u>Meeting Minutes 14/06/2016</u>
<u>Meeting Minutes 13/07/2017</u>	<u>Meeting Minutes 12/05/2016</u>
<u>Meeting Minutes 08/06/2017</u>	<u>Meeting Minutes 12/04/2016</u>
<u>Meeting Minutes 11/05/2017</u>	<u>Meeting Minutes 03/03/2016</u>
<u>Meeting Minutes 13/04/2017</u>	<u>Meeting Minutes 16/02/2016</u>
<u>Meeting Minutes 09/03/2017</u>	<u>Terms of Reference – July 2016</u>
<u>Meeting Minutes 06/02/2017</u>	
<u>Meeting Minutes 19/01/2017</u>	
<u>Terms of Reference – March 2017</u>	

Code of Ethics Committee

The Committee was put in place in 2016 to establish the Code of Ethics for the Garda Síochána. Following the establishment of the Code in December 2016 and its launch in January 2017, the Committee was tasked with overseeing the embedding of the Code in the Garda Síochána.

As this work was substantially completed, the committee was disbanded in late 2018 and the Organisation and Development Committee was tasked with the continuing oversight of the Code.

Committee Members

Pat Costello - Chair

Bob Collins

Judith Gillespie

Code of Ethics Committee Documents	
Committee Documents 2021	Committee Documents 2020
This committee is disbanded	
Committee Documents 2019	Committee Documents 2018
Meeting Minutes 16/04/2019	Meeting Minutes 12/09/2018
	Meeting Minutes 11/07/2018
	Meeting Minutes 09/05/2018
	Meeting Minutes 07/03/2018
	Meeting Minutes 11/01/2018
	Terms of Reference – January 2018
Committee Documents 2017	Committee Documents 2016
Meeting Minutes 07/12/2017	Meeting Minutes 05/12/2016
Meeting Minutes 09/11/2017	Meeting Minutes 08/11/2016
Meeting Minutes 12/10/2017	Meeting Minutes 26/10/2016
Meeting Minutes 14/09/2017	Meeting Minutes 19/10/2016
Meeting Minutes 13/07/2017	Meeting Minutes 11/10/2016
Meeting Minutes 08/06/2017	Meeting Minutes 01/09/2016
Meeting Minutes 13/04/2017	Meeting Minutes 14/07/2016
Meeting Minutes 13/03/2017	Meeting Minutes 22/06/2016
Meeting Minutes 06/02/2017	Meeting Minutes 13/06/2016
Terms of Reference – March 2017	Meeting Minutes 02/06/2016
	Meeting Minutes 11/05/2016
	Meeting Minutes 12/04/2016
	Meeting Minutes 07/03/2016
	Meeting Minutes 16/02/2016
	Terms of Reference – July 2016

Garda Appointments Quality Assurance and Selection Governance Committee

The Committee was established in 2016 to prepare for the commencement of the Authority's functions in relation to appointments in the Garda Síochána and related matters, including to oversee the development of the Authority's selection processes for the appointment of persons to the senior Garda ranks.

Since 2017, the Committee has provided governance and quality assurance with regard to the Authority's selection competitions undertaken for appointment to the ranks of Assistant Commissioner, Chief Superintendent and Superintendent in the Garda Síochána.

Committee Members

Bryan Andrews - Chair
(external member)

Valerie Judge

Dr. Moling Ryan

Garda Appointments Quality Assurance and Selection Governance Committee	
Committee Documents 2021	Committee Documents 2020
There are no 2021 documents at the moment	Meeting Minutes 17/07/2020
	Meeting Minutes 22/04/2020
Committee Documents 2019	Committee Documents 2018
Meeting Minutes 10/12/2019	Meeting Minutes 27/06/2018
Meeting Minutes 22/07/2019	Meeting Minutes 25/04/2018
Meeting Minutes 07/05/2019	Meeting Minutes 03/04/2018
Terms of Reference – January 2018	Meeting Minutes 12/03/2018
	Terms of Reference – January 2018
Committee Documents 2017	Committee Documents 2016
Meeting Minutes 15/11/2017	Meeting Minutes 10/11/2016
Meeting Minutes 05/05/2017	Meeting Minutes 22/07/2016
Meeting Minutes 07/03/2017	Meeting Minutes 10/06/2016
Meeting Minutes 20/01/2017	Meeting Minutes 05/05/2016
Terms of Reference – March 2017	Meeting Minutes 07/04/2016
	Meeting Minutes 17/02/2016
	Terms of Reference – July 2016

Garda Organisation Development Committee

The Committee was established in 2017 to oversee the transformation and modernisation programme in the Garda Síochána.

The Committee's work included overseeing the preparation of a number of reports further to request from the Minister for Justice and Equality on the implementation of the Garda Inspectorate report 'Changing Policing in Ireland.'

Committee Members

Paul Mageean (Chair)

Valerie Judge

Dónal de Buitléir

Elaine Byrne

Melanie Pine (External)

Garda Organisation Development Committee	
Committee Documents 2021	
Meeting Minutes 13/04/2021	
Meeting Minutes 09/02/2021	
Committee Documents 2020	Committee Documents 2019
Meeting Minutes 09/12/2020	Meeting Minutes 11/12/2019
Meeting Minutes 15/10/2020	Meeting Minutes 20/11/2019
Meeting Minutes 22/07/2020	Meeting Minutes 16/10/2019
Meeting Minutes 13/07/2020	Meeting Minutes 17/07/2019
Meeting Minutes 18/06/2020	Meeting Minutes 16/04/2019
Meeting Minutes 24/04/2020	Meeting Minutes 05/02/2019
Meeting Minutes 02/04/2020	Meeting Minutes 15/01/2019
Meeting Minutes 01/04/2020	Terms of Reference 2019
Meeting Minutes 22/01/2020	
Committee Documents 2018	Committee Documents 2017
Meeting Minutes 20/11/2018	Meeting Minutes 13/12/2017
Meeting Minutes 11/10/2018	Meeting Minutes 08/11/2017
Meeting Minutes 11/07/2018	Meeting Minutes 12/10/2017
Meeting Minutes 13/06/2018	Meeting Minutes 20/09/2017
Meeting Minutes 07/03/2018	Meeting Minutes 13/07/2017
Meeting Minutes 09/02/2018	Meeting Minutes 22/06/2017
Terms of Reference – January 2018	Meeting Minutes 08/06/2017
	Meeting Minutes 13/04/2017
	Meeting Minutes 15/03/2017
	Meeting Minutes 22/02/2017

	Meeting Minutes 19/01/2017
	Terms of Reference – March 2017

Joint Policing Committees

Joint Policing Committees (JPCs) provide a dedicated forum to support consultation, cooperation and synergy on policing and crime issues between the Garda Síochána, local authority officials, elected representatives and the community and voluntary sectors. A JPC operates in each of the local authority areas, with 31 in total.

Every JPC must submit their Annual Report to the Policing Authority, no later than three months after the end of the year.

The Policing Authority has the following statutory functions in relation to JPCs including:

- Responsibility for issuing guidelines to local authorities and the Garda Commissioner concerning the establishment and maintenance of JPCs
- Convening meetings of JPC chairpersons for the purpose of coordinating or facilitating the performance of their functions

Annual Report Submissions Overview

2020 Annual Report Submissions Overview

All JPC Documents

Joint Policing Committees	Annual Report	Joint Policing Committees	Annual Report
Carlow County Council	✘	Limerick City and County Council	✘
Cavan County Council	✘	Longford County Council	✔
Clare County Council	✔	Louth County Council	✘
Cork City Council	✘	Mayo County Council	✔
Cork County Council	✘	Meath County Council	✔
Donegal County Council	✔	Monaghan County Council	✔
Dublin City Council	✘	Offaly County Council	✘
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council	✔	Roscommon County Council	✔
Fingal County Council	✘	Sligo County Council	✘
Galway City Council	✔	South Dublin County Council	✔
Galway County Council	✔	Tipperary County Council	✔
Kerry County Council	✘	Waterford County Council	✔
Kildare County Council	✔	Westmeath County Council	✔
Kilkenny County Council	✔	Wexford County Council	✔
Laois County Council	✘	Wicklow County Council	✔
Leitrim County Council	✔		

All JPC Documents

2018 Annual Report Submissions Overview

All JPC Documents

Joint Policing Committee Documents					
Annual Reports 2016 - 2020					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Carlow County	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report		
Cavan County	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	
Clare County	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report
Cork City	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	
Cork County		Annual Report	Annual Report		
Donegal County	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report
Dublin City	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report		
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report
Fingal	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report		
Galway City	Annual Report		Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report
Galway County	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report
Kerry County	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	
Kildare County	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report
Kilkenny County		Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report
Laois County	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report		
Leitrim County	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report		Annual Report
Limerick City and County	Annual Report		Annual Report		
Longford County	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report
Louth County	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	
Mayo County		Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report
Meath County	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report
Monaghan County	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report
Offaly County	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report		
Roscommon County	Annual Report		Annual Report	Annual Report	
Sligo County	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	
South Dublin County	Annual Report	Annual Report			Annual Report
Tipperary County	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report
Waterford County	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report
Westmeath County	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report
Wexford County	Annual Report				Annual Report
Wicklow County	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report	Annual Report

Our Appointments Functions

The Policing Authority has responsibility for a range of functions relating to the appointment of persons to positions in the Garda Síochána, including:

1. Nominating persons for appointment by the Government to the posts of Garda Commissioner and Deputy Garda Commissioner;
2. Undertaking selection competitions for appointment of persons to the ranks of Assistant Commissioner, Chief Superintendent and Superintendent in the Garda Síochána and for making appointments to these ranks;
3. Approving the numbers and grades of civilian staff with the consent of the Minister for Justice and equality and the minister for Public Expenditure and reform; and
4. Making appointments to senior civilian positions in the Garda Síochána.

1. Nomination to Government for appointment of Garda Commissioner

In June 2018, after an open, international selection process undertaken by the Public Appointments Service on behalf of the Authority, the Authority nominated a candidate to Government for appointment to the position of Garda Commissioner. The selection process was designed with the objective of attracting the widest possible field of candidates from a broad range of backgrounds to ensure that the successful candidate would be tested against international standards in police leadership.

On 3 September 2018, the Government appointed Drew Harris to the position. Commissioner Harris is a former Deputy Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland. For further information, [read Policing Authority Welcomes Drew Harris](#)

2. Selection and Appointment to the Senior Garda ranks

From 1 January 2017, the functions of the Policing Authority relating to appointments to the ranks of Assistant Garda Commissioner, Chief Superintendent and Superintendent under the Garda Síochána Act 2005 Regulations 2016 (S.I. 641 of 2016) ("the Regulations") were commenced.

The commencement of these statutory functions was welcomed by the Authority as a significant milestone in the reform and modernisation of policing services in Ireland since it was the first time that appointments to the ranks of the Garda Síochána had been made by an external independent body.

The first competition, for appointment to the rank of Assistant Commissioner, was advertised in late January 2017. The three-stage competition was concluded on 21 March and the first appointment was made on 23 March 2017. The first appointments to the ranks Chief Superintendent and Superintendent and were made in June and July 2017 respectively. In total, 52 appointments were made from the panels put in place from the 2017 competitions.

Selection Competitions were undertaken in 2018 for appointment to the ranks of Chief Superintendent and Superintendent and panels of candidates established from which appointments are made as required. It is intended that the Authority will conduct annual selection competitions for appointment to these ranks.

3. Approval of Numbers and grades of civilian staff

In 2018, the Authority approved 126 positions in 2018.

4. Appointments of Senior Garda Staff

The Authority is also responsible for appointment of candidates for Garda Staff positions at the grades of Principal Officer and above. The Authority publishes details of all appointments on a quarterly basis.

Garda Appointments Information

03/08/2021	Quarterly Report on Appointments to Garda Síochána May, June and July 2021
29/07/2021	Policing Authority appoints Mr. Derek Penman to provide independent strategic advice on the Garda Síochána review of the invalid and unwarranted closure of CAD incidents
30/06/2021	Quarterly Report on Appointments to Garda Síochána February, March and April 2021
12/03/2021	Quarterly Report on Appointments to Garda Síochána November, December 2020 and January 2021
26/02/2021	Policing Authority appoints Assistant Commissioner in the Garda Síochána
09/02/2021	Government appoints two Deputy Garda Commissioners
06/11/2020	Quarterly Report on Appointments to Garda Síochána August – October 2020
16/10/2020	Policing Authority welcomes recruitment competition for new Deputy Commissioner
20/08/2020	Quarterly Report on Appointments to Garda Síochána May – July 2020
08/05/2020	Quarterly Report on Appointments to Garda Síochána February – April 2020
01/05/2020	Policing Authority appoints Acting Assistant Commissioner in the Garda Síochána
23/04/2020	Policing Authority appoints an Assistant Commissioner in the Garda Síochána
07/04/2020	Policing Authority appoints an Assistant Commissioner in the Garda Síochána
24/02/2020	Quarterly Report on Appointments to Garda Síochána November 2019 – January 2020
14/11/2019	Quarterly Report on Appointments to Garda Síochána August – October 2019
23/08/2019	Policing Authority welcomes recruitment competition for Deputy Commissioner
30/07/2019	Quarterly Report on Appointments to Garda Síochána May – July 2019
24/07/2019	Superintendent Competition 2019
08/05/2019	Quarterly announcement of Policing Authority appointments to positions in the Garda Síochána February 2019 – April 2019
28/01/2019	Quarterly announcement of Policing Authority appointments to positions in the Garda Síochána November 2018 – January 2019
10/11/2018	Quarterly announcement of Policing Authority appointments to positions in the Garda Síochána August 2018 – October 2018
13/08/2018	Quarterly announcement of Policing Authority appointments to positions in the Garda Síochána May 2018 – July 2018
10/05/2018	Quarterly announcement of Policing Authority appointments to positions in the Garda Síochána February 2018 – April 2018
31/01/2018	Quarterly announcement of Policing Authority appointments to positions in the Garda Síochána November 2017 – January 2018
07/11/2017	Quarterly announcement of Policing Authority appointments to positions in the Garda Síochána August 2017 – October 2017
01/08/2017	Announcement of Policing Authority appointments to positions in the Garda Síochána April 2017 – July 2017
20/04/2017	Appointment of Assistant Commissioner to the Garda Síochána
24/03/2017	Policing Authority appoints an Assistant Commissioner in the Garda Síochána for the first time

Appointments Frequently Asked Questions

What role does the Policing Authority have in the appointment of the Garda Commissioner?

Section 9 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 (as amended) provides that Government appoint the Commissioner on the nomination of the Policing Authority.

This process for appointment was first used in 2018. The Authority, with the prior written approval of government, invited the Public Appointments Service (PAS) to undertake a selection competition for the purpose of making the appointment. The requirements relating to knowledge, ability and suitability for appointment were agreed by the Authority and PAS with the Minister's approval.

On 26 June 2018, the Minister for Justice announced that the Government appointed Mr. Drew Harris to the position of Garda Commissioner for a period of 5 years.

The Authority has a similar function with regard to the appointment of a person to the rank of Deputy Commissioner.

What role does the Policing Authority have in the appointment of Assistant Commissioners, Chief Superintendents and Superintendents?

Under the Garda Síochána Act 2005 (as amended) and with effect from 1 January 2017, the Authority has responsibility for the appointment of persons to the ranks of Assistant Commissioner, Chief Superintendent and Superintendent, having undertaken a selection competition for the purpose.

Competitions for these three ranks were undertaken in 2017 and a panel of candidates for appointment established for each rank. The Authority has appointed 5 Assistant Commissioners, 15 Chief Superintendents and 32 Superintendents from these panels.

In 2018, competitions for the rank of Chief Superintendent and Superintendent were undertaken and panels of candidates are in place for appointment as positions arise.

What role does the Policing Authority have in the appointment of Sergeants and Inspectors?

The Authority plays a very minor role in this area. Under the Garda Síochána (Promotion) (Amendment) Regulation 2016, the Authority may appoint suitably qualified persons to serve on promotion boards for selection competitions for appointment to the ranks of Sergeant and Inspectors.

What role does the Policing Authority have in the appointments of Garda Staff?



Senior Garda staff, at the grade of Principal Officer and above, are appointed by the Authority following appropriate civil service recruitment processes.

The Authority also has certain functions relating to the approval of numbers and grades of civilian staff recruited by the Garda Síochána under Section 19 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 (as amended):

- 19. (1) Subject to subsection (2A), the Garda Commissioner may appoint such numbers of persons as civilian staff of the Garda Síochána as may be approved by the Authority with the consent of the Minister and the Minister for Finance.
- (2) The Garda Commissioner shall determine the grades of civilian staff and the numbers in each grade in the categories of professional, administrative and specialist staff, as may be approved by the Authority with the consent of the Minister and the Minister for Finance.

I have information on a candidate for promotion to a senior rank in the Garda Síochána. Can I share this information with the Policing Authority?



The Authority does not consider unsolicited third party submissions on candidates for promotions or appointments in the Garda Síochána.

Consultations

From time to time the Policing Authority will invite interested parties, including members of the public, civil society and other stakeholders, to take part in consultations in relation to important matters which are under consideration by the Authority. This engagement gives us a perspective on the views of stakeholders with an interest in policing in Ireland and will inform our oversight work.



Completed Consultation

Consultation on the Authority's Statement of Strategy 2019 - 2021



Completed Consultation

Consultation on the 2019 Policing Priorities



Completed Consultation

Consultation on the 2018 Policing Priorities



Completed Consultation

Code Of Ethics Consultation



Completed Consultation

Consultation on the 2017 Policing Priorities



Completed Consultation

Consultation on the Authority's Statement of Strategy 2016 - 2018

The Authority's Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and other Governance documents

Good corporate governance is central to the Policing Authority successfully delivering its statutory obligations in accordance with statutory requirements and best practice. It is also an essential component of the good and proper management of our organisation.

The Authority is subject to the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies and to the Corporate Governance Standard for the Civil Service.

Our [Governance Framework \(pdf\)](#) describes the structures, policies and processes that are in place to deliver on these obligations. It also provides for an objective assessment of management and corporate performance. The Authority has developed and adopted a number of other governance documents which govern how it does its business.

These can be viewed below.

Corporate Governance Publications	
Publication Date	Publication Title
6/05/2021	Policing Authority Corporate Priorities 2021
26/11/2020	Annual Report of the Policing Authority for 2019 in accordance with Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014
06/05/2020	Actions to achieve Corporate Priorities
06/05/2020	Corporate Priorities Status at Year End
16/04/2019	Policing Authority Corporate Priorities 2019
16/04/2019	Policing Authority Corporate Priorities 2018 Status at Year End
07/02/2019	Policing Authority Statement of Strategy 2019-21
25/05/2018	Policing Authority Data Protection Policy
N/A	Policing Authority Corporate Priorities 2018
N/A	Practice Notes in Relation to Canvassing
N/A	Policing Authority Communications Strategy
N/A	Policing Authority Code of Conduct
N/A	Policing Authority Corporate Priorities 2017
N/A	Customer Charter and Customer Service Action Plan
N/A	Complaint Form for use in making a complaint about PA members or staff
19/07/2016	Policing Authority Statement of Strategy 2016-18
N/A	Policing Authority Standing Orders
N/A	Policing Authority Governance Framework

Quality Customer Service

The Authority is committed to providing all those who communicate with us with a professional, efficient and courteous service with a high standard of service in accordance with the principles of Quality Customer Service.

The Policing Authority Customer Charter and Customer Services Action Plan sets out the standard of service that people can expect in their dealings with the Authority and explains how you can make contact with the Authority in relation to the various functions it performs. It describes:

- the levels of service each customer is entitled to expect when dealing with the Authority and our commitment to ensuring that these service levels are maintained;
- information on service standards, contact by telephone, written correspondence, online communications, re-directing communications which do not relate to the Authority, attendance at our offices, feedback, suppliers, services through Irish, freedom of information, equality/diversity, complaints procedures and meetings of the Authority held in public;
- contact details for key areas of the Authority; and
- our expectations of how our customers will behave.

If you are unhappy about the standard of service provided by or on behalf of the Authority by its staff we would encourage you to raise this issue directly with the individual concerned. If the issue is not resolved to your satisfaction, you may make a formal complaint by downloading and completing the complaint form (below) and emailing it to customerservice@policingauthority.ie.

Quality Customer Service Related Documents
Customer Charter and Customer Service Action Plan
Policing Authority Code of Conduct
Complaint form for use in making a complaint about Authority members or staff

Financial Information

The financial allocation for the Authority is set out each year in the [Estimates of Public Expenditure](#) published by the Department of Public Expenditure & Reform. The Budget Estimates are produced as part of the annual Budget-day documentation and a further detailed breakdown of the proposed allocations is presented in the Revised Estimates Volume (REV) which is published and voted on by the Dáil. Information on the budget provision for the Authority is published under Vote 41.

The audited Appropriation Account of the Authority each year is published in the [Comptroller and Auditor General Appropriation Accounts](#) publication. (See [Vote 41](#)). A provisional financial report (subject to audit) for the Authority is included in the Authority's Annual Report which is available in [Publications](#) on this website.

The Policing Authority is committed to making every effort to pay its suppliers promptly. Payment of invoices by the Authority is governed by the Prompt Payments of Accounts Act 1997 as amended by the European Communities (Late Payment in Commercial Transactions) Regulations 2012 (Statutory Instrument 580 of 2012). Additionally, under a non-statutory requirement on Government Departments, the Authority is obliged to pay suppliers within 15 days of receipt of a valid invoice. The Authority publishes quarterly prompt payment reports, which can be viewed in [Publications](#) on this website.

Finance Publications	
Publication Date	Prompt Payment Quarterly Reports
19/04/2021	Policing Authority Prompt Payment Returns Quarter 1 2021
04/02/2021	Policing Authority Prompt Payment Returns Quarter 4 2020
04/02/2021	Policing Authority Prompt Payment Returns Quarter 2 2020
21/01/2020	Policing Authority Prompt Payment Returns Quarter 4 2019
17/10/2019	Policing Authority Prompt Payment Returns Quarter 3 2019
17/07/2019	Policing Authority Prompt Payment Returns Quarter 2 2019
30/04/2019	Policing Authority Prompt Payment Returns Quarter 1 2019
N/A	Policing Authority Prompt Payment Returns Quarter 4 2018
N/A	Policing Authority Prompt Payment Returns Quarter 3 2018
N/A	Policing Authority Prompt Payment Returns Quarter 2 2018
N/A	Policing Authority Prompt Payment Returns Quarter 1 2018
N/A	Policing Authority Prompt Payment 2017 Return
N/A	Policing Authority Prompt Payment 2016 Return

Procurement

The Authority avails of the services of the Office of Government Procurement (OGP) to source the contracts under which the majority of our goods and services are procured. The OGP publishes its pre-tender, tender and award notices on the eTenders website and related information on the OGP website.

In the event that there are Authority specific tenders which do not fall within the remit of that Office, we will publish these directly on the eTenders website in accordance with public sector procurement requirements.

Data Protection at the Policing Authority

Data Protection

As a data controller, The Policing Authority is subject to the (EU) General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) when processing personal data. As such, all personal data held by the Authority must be treated in compliance with the following eight rules.

- To obtain and process information fairly.
- To keep it for one or more specified, explicit and lawful purpose.
- To use and disclose it in ways compatible with these purposes.
- To keep it safe and secure.
- To keep it accurate, complete and up to date.
- To ensure that it is adequate, relevant and not excessive.
- To retain it no longer than is necessary.
- To give a copy of their personal information to that individual on request.

The Policing Authority's Data Protection Policy sets out how the Policing Authority secures and manages personal data in accordance with the Principles of GDPR. For further information, please read the Policing Authority's Data Protection Policy

Data Protection Rights

Under data protection law every individual has rights in relation to how their data is processed by The Policing Authority. Every individual has the right to request correction or erasure of their personal data if it is inaccurately recorded and to access any personal data relating to them held by The Policing Authority. To assist in your Subject Access Request (SAR) please complete the request form.

The Policing Authority will respond to your request within one month or in the circumstance where the request is complex or numerous this period may be extended by one further month as outlined in the terms of GDPR/Data Protection Act 2018. Where a request is clearly unfounded, excessive, of a repetitive nature or where more than one copy is sought, a fee may apply.

In the event that you wish to make a complaint about how your personal data is being processed by The Policing Authority or how your request has been handled, you have the right to lodge a complaint directly with the Data Protection Commission at info@dataprotection.ie

Data Sharing

The Policing Authority may be required to share information with other public bodies in certain circumstances. The Policing Authority shall be able to demonstrate that any sharing of personal information be justified and ensure that all parties involved in the processing do so in accordance with the data protection fair processing rules.

Data Protection Officer

The Data Protection Officer can be contacted in relation to any data protection concerns that you may have by email at dpo@policingauthority.ie or by post at:

The Data Protection Officer

The Policing Authority

90 King Street North

Dublin 7

D07 N7CV

Data Protection Publications

[Policing Authority Data Protection Policy](#)

Privacy

The Policing Authority is committed to protecting the rights and privacy of all individuals in accordance with the [EU General Data Protection Regulation, 2016/679 \(GDPR\)](#) as given further effect in Part 3 of the Data Protection Act 2018.

The Policing Authority's Data Protection Policy sets out how the Policing Authority secures and manages personal data in accordance with the Principles of GDPR. For further information, please read the [Policing Authority's Data Protection Policy \(pdf\)](#).

Data protection queries should be forwarded to dpo@policingauthority.ie

Website Privacy Statement

This privacy statement explains how the Policing Authority collects and uses information about you, based on your visits to this website. You also have a right to obtain information about you kept by the Policing Authority. This is explained in our Data Protection Policy referenced above.

How we collect and use personal information

The Policing Authority does not collect any personal information about you on this website, apart from the information which you volunteer by sending us an email or completing our online feedback form.

Your personal information, submitted in this way, will be collected, used and stored to respond to your request or otherwise address the subject matter of your email. It may also be used to compile statistics.

Your personal information will not be used for any other purpose and will not be released to any third party.

For further information, please read the [Policing Authority's Data Protection Policy \(pdf\)](#) or email dpo@policingauthority.ie

The Policing Authority website also uses cookies for functionality, statistical and analytics purposes. For further information on cookies used on our website, please visit our [Cookies page](#).

Cookies

A cookie is a small text file that may be stored on your computer or mobile device that contains data related to a website you visit. It may allow a website remember; your actions or preferences over a period of time, or it may contain data related to the function or delivery of the site. Cookies can be set by the owner of the website or in some cases by third party services the website owner allows to present other information, run content or provide other functionality such as analytics. Further information on cookies can be found [The EU Internet Handbook - Information Providers Guide](#).

Cookie usage on policingauthority.ie

When you first visit this website, you will see a message informing you about cookies. If you click the "Hide this message" button, a cookie will be set that records your preference. Most browsers allow you to turn off cookies or to customise your settings for cookies. To find out how to do this, see the managing cookies in your browser; section below. Please note that if you turn off cookies or change your settings, some features of the website may not work correctly.

Managing cookies in your browser

Below are links to several of the more popular browsers for procedures on how to view and disable cookies.

- [Google Chrome browser](#)
- [Microsoft Internet Explorer browser](#)
- [Mozilla Firefox browser](#)
- [Apple Safari browser](#)
- [Opera Web browser](#)

Specific Cookies in use on this site

A sample of the types of cookies that are used on this website are outlined below. This is not an exhaustive list. If you are concerned about how personal data is processed via this website, please bring such concerns to our attention.

Strictly necessary Performance Targeting Functionality [Save](#)

Consent key: 2eeb7113-ad0d-4397-87b4-4c80ef6498c7

Strictly necessary

Name	Domain	Expiration	Description
CookieScriptConsent	.policingauthority.ie	1 month	This cookie is used by Cookie-Script.com service to remember visitor cookie consent preferences. It is necessary for Cookie-Script.com cookie banner to work properly.
exp_publisher_site_language	www.policingauthority.ie	1 month	
exp_publisher_tracker	www.policingauthority.ie	Session	
exp_csrf_token	www.policingauthority.ie	2 hours	This cookie is used by Cloudflare to identify trusted web traffic.

Performance

Name	Domain	Expiration	Description
exp_last_visit	www.policingauthority.ie	1 year	This cookie name is associated with the website content management system Expression Engine. Most likely to do with tracking or recoding visitor activity.
exp_last_activity	www.policingauthority.ie	1 year	This cookie name is associated with the website content management system Expression Engine. Most likely to do with tracking or recoding visitor activity.
exp_tracker	www.policingauthority.ie	Session	This cookie name is associated with the website content management system Expression Engine. Most likely to do with tracking or recoding visitor activity.
_ga	.policingauthority.ie	2 years	This cookie name is associated with Google Universal Analytics - which is a significant update to Google's more commonly used analytics service. This cookie is used to distinguish unique users by assigning a randomly generated number as a client identifier. It is included in each page request in a site and used to calculate visitor, session and campaign data for the sites analytics reports. By default it is set to expire after 2 years, although this is customisable by website owners.
_gid	.policingauthority.ie	1 day	This cookie name is associated with Google Analytics. It is used by gtag.js and analytics.js scripts and according to Google Analytics this cookie is used to distinguish users.
_gat	.policingauthority.ie	1 minute	This cookie name is associated with Google Universal Analytics, according to documentation it is used to throttle the request rate - limiting the collection of data on high traffic sites. It expires after 10 minutes.

Targeting

Name	Domain	Expiration	Description
uvc	.addthis.com	1 year 1 month	Tracks how often a user interacts with AddThis
loc	.addthis.com	1 year 1 month	Stores the visitors geolocation to record location of sharer

Functionality

Name	Domain	Expiration	Description
__atuvc	www.policingauthority.ie	1 year 1 month	This cookie is associated with the AddThis social sharing widget which is commonly embedded in websites to enable visitors to share content with a range of networking and sharing platforms. It stores an updated page share count.
__atuvs	www.policingauthority.ie	30 minutes	This cookie is associated with the AddThis social sharing widget which is commonly embedded in websites to enable visitors to share content with a range of networking and sharing platforms. This is believed to be a new cookie from AddThis which is not yet documented, but has been categorised on the assumption it serves a similar purpose to other cookies set by the service.

Unclassified

Name	Domain	Expiration	Description
exp_publisher_site_prev_language	www.policingauthority.ie	1 month	

Freedom of Information at the Policing Authority

The [Freedom of Information Act 2014](#) allows members of the public access, on request, to information held by the Policing Authority which is not routinely available through other sources. It gives you the right to have your personal information corrected or updated, where such information is incomplete, incorrect or misleading, and to get reasons for decisions taken by the Policing Authority that affect you.

Making a FOI Request

If you wish to make a Freedom of Information (FOI) request to the Policing Authority you should submit a request in writing/email. [More on making a FOI Request](#)

FOI Publication Scheme

The Policing Authority has prepared an FOI Publication Scheme which makes available a range of information about the Authority. [View FOI Publication Scheme](#)

Published FOI Requests

The Policing Authority publishes a list of all non-personal (FOI) requests received by the Authority. [View Details of Published Requests](#)

Freedom of Information Act 2014

Freedom of Information Act 2014

(Act 30 of 2014)

Freedom of Information Bill 2013 (Bill 89 of 2013)

Bill entitled an Act to enable members of the public to obtain access, to the greatest extent possible consistent with the public interest and the right to privacy, to information in the possession of public bodies, other bodies in receipt of funding from the State and certain other bodies and to enable persons to have personal information relating to them in the possession of such bodies corrected and, accordingly, to provide for a right of access to records held by such bodies, for necessary exceptions to that right and for assistance to persons to enable them to exercise it, to provide for the independent review both of decisions of such bodies relating to that right and of the operation of this Act generally (including the proceedings of such bodies pursuant to this Act) and, for those purposes, to provide for the continuance of the Office of Information Commissioner and to define its functions, to provide for the publication by such bodies of certain information about them relevant to the purposes of this Act, to repeal the Freedom of Information Act 1997 and the Freedom of Information (Amendment) Act 2003, to amend the Central Bank Act 1942, to amend the Official Secrets Act 1963, to repeal certain other enactments, and to provide for related matters

Freedom of Information Publication Scheme

Section 8 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 requires FOI bodies to prepare and publish as much information as possible in an open and accessible manner on a routine basis outside of FOI, having regard to the principles of openness, transparency and accountability as set out in the Act. This allows for the publication or giving of records outside of FOI provided that such publication or giving of access is not prohibited by law. The scheme commits FOI bodies to make information available as part of their normal business activities in accordance with this scheme.

The Authority's FOI Publication Scheme is set out below. Each link leads to a page containing relevant information in the category or links to relevant information on the Authority's website:

- [General Information about the Authority](#)
- [Information about the functions of the Authority](#)
- [Information on decision making process](#)
- [Financial Information](#)
- [Procurement](#)
- [Information routinely published](#)

If the information you require cannot be found here, you may wish to contact the Authority through the variety of options set out in [Contacts](#).

If the information is not currently made publicly available by the Authority, you may consider making a request under [Freedom of Information](#).

Information routinely published

The following information is routinely published by the Policing Authority on this website and can be accessed through the following links/pages:

- [Approved Minutes and agendas of Authority meetings](#)
- [Approved Minutes of Committee meetings](#)
- [Annual Reports](#)
- [Published FOI Requests](#)
- [The Authority's Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and other Governance documents](#)
- [The Authority's Statements of Strategy and annual Corporate Priorities](#)
- [Prompt Payment Returns](#)
- [Remuneration and expenses of Authority members and the Chief Executive Officer are published in Annual Reports.](#)

Making a Freedom of Information Request

You can make a request by either:

- Writing to the FOI Officer, The Policing Authority, 4th Floor, 90 King St. North, Dublin 7, D07 N7CV

or

- By email to foi@policingauthority.ie

Your request should:

- Include a statement that your request is submitted under the Freedom of Information Act 2014.
- Identify the records being sought in a clear and specific manner. A record can be a paper document, information held on computer, printouts, maps, plans, microfilm, microfiche, audio-visual material, etc. Give as much information as possible about the records you want. In cases where it is not clear what records are being sought, we will assist you in identifying the records you require. Please include a daytime telephone number to facilitate ease of communication.
- Where possible, indicate the time period to which the records relate e.g. records created between 1 May, 2017 and 31 December, 2017.
- Proof of identity will be required, especially where personal information is being requested, e.g. Birth Certificate, Driving Licence, Passport or other form of identity. Please include a copy of one of these documents with your request.
- The format in which you wish to receive any records released (e.g. paper copies, electronic copies or in another format).

Alternatively, you may download the [Application Form \(pdf\)](#) available on this website and submit this to the FOI Officer at the above address. A decision on your FOI request must normally be made within 4 weeks.



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Freedom of Information Request Form

You may use this form to apply, under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, for personal or non-personal records held by the Policing Authority.

Please use **BLOCK** letters

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Full Name:	First Name:	Surname:	
Postal Address:			
E-Mail Address:			
Telephone Numbers:	Home:	Business:	Mobile:

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Proof of identity will be required where personal information is being requested. Please include a copy of one of these documents with your request.

I have included a copy of the following proof of identity:
(Please tick as appropriate)

- Birth Certificate
- Driving License
- Passport
- Other (please specify below)

FORM OF ACCESS:

My preferred form of access is:
(Please tick as appropriate)

- To receive copies of the records by post
- To receive the records via e-mail
- Other (please specify below)

In accordance with Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I request access to records which are

(Please tick as appropriate)

Personal

Non-personal

In the space provided please describe the records as fully as you can. If you are requesting personal information, please state precisely in whose name those records are held. You will not normally be given access to personal information of another person unless you have obtained the written consent of that person.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 I hereby request access to the following record(s):

Signed:

Date:

Please return completed form via post or email to:

Freedom of Information Unit
The Policing Authority
4th Floor
90 King St. North
D07 N7CV
Tel: +353 (1) 858 9090
E-mail: foi@policingauthority.ie

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Freedom of Information Disclosures Log

Reference number	Date of Receipt of Request	Category of Applicant	Summary of Information/Records Requested *Please be advised that the summary provided may not be the exact wording of the original request*	Date of Decision	Summary of Decision
PA/2021/188	09-Jun-21	Journalist	Request for details of all payments made for legal services to a named Barrister for the period 1 November, 2013 to 8 June, 2021.	07-Jul-21	Refused under section 15(1)
PA/2021/144	07-May-21	Journalist	Request for correspondence between the Policing Authority and the Department of Justice relating to the establishment of a new Policing and Community Safety Authority between January 1, 2021 and 7 May, 2021.	8-June-21	Part-granted
PA/2021/106	29-Mar-21	Member of the Public	Request for information on contracts of a value of €20,000 or greater awarded from 2018 to 2020 by the Policing Authority.	28-Apr-21	Granted
PA/2021/25	18-Jan-21	Journalist	Request for information relating to the Garda Síochána viewing and monitoring a social media platform.	09-Feb-21	Refused under section 15(1)(a)
PA/2020/400	30-Dec-20	Journalist	Request for minutes of meetings held in 2020.	01-Feb-21	Refused under section 15(1)(a) and 15(1)(d)
PA/2020/222	05-Aug-20	Member of the Public	Detailed clarification sought on the development and meaning of an excerpt of a letter from Garda HRM to Garda representative bodies outlining the terms agreed upon by the Department of	08-Sep-20	Granted

Reference number	Date of Receipt of Request	Category of Applicant	Summary of Information/Records Requested *Please be advised that the summary provided may not be the exact wording of the original request*	Date of Decision	Summary of Decision
			Justice for the proposed integrated promotion competition for supervisors at appropriate Garda rank / Garda staff grade in ICT. Excerpt referred to the assessment condition under which the Policing Authority provided its support for the proposal.		
PA/2020/178	05-Jun-20	Journalist	Any representations received by the Policing Authority between 1 January 2018 and 30 May 2020 which alleges that the Garda Síochána is pursuing, or has pursued, a prosecution against an employee of the Garda Síochána in an improper manner.	09-Jul-20	Refused under section 30(1)
PA/2020/78	02-Mar-20	Journalist	A copy of the statistical review of the National Juvenile Liaison Office of the Garda Síochána examining juvenile offender's investigations not being brought to a conclusion.	27-Mar-20	Refused under section 35(1)
PA/2020/70	24-Feb-20	Member of the Public	Information concerning the competitions for Chief Superintendent in 2018 and 2019.	08-Apr-20	Part-granted
PA/2020/22	14-Jan-20	Journalist	Request for minutes of meetings held in 2019.	07-Feb-20	Refused under section 15
PA/2019/279	19-Aug-19	Other	Number of successful final reviews relating to Garda competitions for the years 2017-2019. Number of years of service and years at the rank of Inspector of all successful candidates in the Policing Authority Superintendent competition 2019. Outline of available options to the External Reviewer on conclusion of the Final Review, where the review is deemed successful.	16-Sept-19	Part-granted

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PA/2019/218	18-Jun-19	Member of the Public	Information as to which members of the Garda Síochána senior management team (both civilian and sworn members, from rank of Assistant Commissioner/Executive Director up), have not yet signed the Code of Ethics.	16-Jul-19	Granted
PA/2019/100	07-Mar-19	Member of the Public	Name of the act(s) that set up the Policing Authority, as well as the names of subsequent relevant statutory instruments their numbers and years when introduced.	12-Mar-19	Withdrawn and answered outside FOI
PA/2018/380	01-Oct-18	Journalist	Correspondence between the OPW and the Policing Authority surrounding the residence for the Garda Commissioner from 1 January 2018 to September 2018 and receipts relating to works carried out on this residence.	30-Oct-18	Refused under section 15(1)(a)
PA/2018/252	19-Jun-18	Public	In relation to the mandatory disclosure directive under section 11 of the Mental Health Act 2001, does section 11 apply to every instance of involuntary admission for all Gardaí and attending GPs? What is the precise nature of the legal sanction incurred for failure to comply with this directive and has this legal sanction ever been applied?	16-Jul-18	Refused under section 15(1)(a)
PA/2018/229	05-Jun-18	Journalist	Details of all expenses and fees claimed by members of the Policing Authority from 1 January 2016 until 31 May 2018, including the name and position of the member, the breakdown of expenses, credit card payments, and the overall amount of expenses per annum.	02-Jul-18	Granted

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PA/2018/226	31-May-18	Oireachtas, Public Representative	All correspondence, documents and recommendations held by the Policing Authority in relation to guidelines in relation to CCTV schemes from January 2017 to present.	29-Jun-18	Part-Granted
PA/2018/80	21-Feb-18	Other	All correspondence, documents, recommendations, and minutes of meetings held by the Policing Authority relating to the implementation of liquor licensing laws and monitoring of special exemption orders, from January 2010 to present.	20-Mar-18	Granted
PA/2018/71	15-Feb-18	Public	All drug cases and outcomes in South Donegal area relating to the time period January 2010 to January 2018.	20-Feb-18	Refused under section 15(1)(a)
PA/2018/60	07-Feb-18	Journalist	Any records, including but not limited to memos, reports, and communications regarding "misclassification" of data on the Garda PULSE system between 2010 and 2018.	07-Mar-18	Part-Granted
PA/2018/59	30-Jan-18	Other	A copy of the report supplied by the CAO of the Garda Síochána to the Policing Authority in relation to the use by the former Garda Commissioner Nóirín O'Sullivan of her personal Gmail account when conducting official Garda business.	27-Feb-18	Part-Granted
PA/2018/47	26-Jan-18	Journalist	All documents and correspondence relating to homicide figures between 2015 and 2018.	23-Feb-18	Part-Granted
PA/2018/25	18-Jan-18	Journalist	Details of the full amount claimed in expenses by each member of the Policing Authority including copies of any vouching documents used in claiming these expenses.	13-Feb-18	Granted

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PA/2018/9	10-Jan-18	Journalist	A copy of the report on the use of a private Gmail address by the former Garda Commissioner Noirín O'Sullivan.	07-Feb-18	Part-Granted
PA/2017/660	09-Dec-17	Journalist	Correspondence between the Authority and the Garda Síochána relating to the preparation of a report on the use of a private Gmail address by the former Garda Commissioner Nóirín O'Sullivan.	10-Jan-18	Part-Granted
PA/2017/548	06-Oct-17	Journalist	All representations made to the Policing Authority in relation to amending the ranks order within the Garda Síochána and all replies in relation to same.	03-Nov-2017	Refused under section 15(1)(a)
PA/2017/497	15-Sep-17	Member of the Public	All records relating to use of CCTV by the Garda Síochána whether under section 38 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 or otherwise.	18-Oct-17	Granted
PA/2017/392	25-Jul-17	Journalist	Information in relation to the Crowe Horwath review of matters related to MAT/FCN carried out on behalf of the Policing Authority including information in relation to the tendering process and dates of the contract commencement and conclusion.	23-Aug-17	Part-Granted
PA/2017/386	17-Jul-17	Member of the Public	Information and figures regarding amount spent on flights and accommodation for work-related business by Policing Authority staff in 2016 and to the date of the request.	03-Aug-17	Granted

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PA/2017/284	05-May-17	Member of the Public	Correspondence between the Authority and the Garda Síochána relating to the discussion mentioned in the recent progress report regarding redeployment.	31-May-17	Part-Granted
PA/2017/153	24-Mar-17	Journalist	All correspondence, both internal and external including with the Garda Síochána, regarding the timing of the release of the Policing Authority statement with the subject line: "issues discovered with administration of fixed charge notices (FCN) and road side breath tests".	20-Apr-17	Granted
PA/2016/432	10-Oct-16	Journalist	Correspondence to/from the Policing Authority in relation to the review of Garda deployment/resources and the reopening of six Garda stations.	17-Oct-16	Refused under section 15(1)(a)
PA/2016/406	30-Sep-16	Journalist	Correspondence, emails, notes etc between the Authority and the Garda Síochána, and the Department and Minister for Justice dated from 1 January 2016 to 30 September 2016 relating to senior Garda appointments made in 2016.	28-Oct-16	Part-Granted
PA/2016/441	01-Sep-16	Member of the Public	Documents, projects, reports, memos etc in relation to the use/potential use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) (also known as drones) by the Garda Síochána.	17-Oct-16	Refused under section 15(1)(a)

Freedom of Information Frequently Asked Questions

FAQ

Can I get help in making a request?



Yes, if you require any help the staff in FOI Unit will be happy to assist you with your request. The Unit can also provide assistance to persons with a disability to exercise their rights under the FOI Act 2014 (e.g. by accepting oral requests from requesters' who are unable to read, print and/or write due to their disability; or enabling the requester to inspect or have records explained to him/her).

Can I get access to any information I seek?



You can ask for the following records held by The Policing Authority:

- any records relating to you personally, whenever created;
- all other records created after 21 April, 1998

You do not have to give a reason as to why you want access to particular records and the Policing Authority must give you an explanation if it refuses you access to any record that you have requested. There are also certain exemptions that may apply to the records you seek under the Act. This means that the record is protected and may not be released. If any of these exemptions apply to a record you have sought you will be informed.

How soon can a person making a request for records expect a reply?



Under the [FOI Act 2014](#), a request for records must be acknowledged within 2 weeks and, in most cases, responded to within 4 weeks. A week in the FOI Act means 5 consecutive weekdays excluding Saturday, Sunday and public holidays. The time limit can be extended for a further three weeks in the event of necessary third party consultation.

What's the next step if I am unhappy with a decision on my request?



If you are unhappy with the Policing Authority's response you can seek to have a decision re-examined by a more senior member of staff within the Authority. Please forward applications for review of a decision, together with a fee of €30.00 (or a reduced fee of €10.00 for medical card holders) to the FOI Unit.

Note: These fees apply only to non-personal requests.

If you are still unhappy with the decision, you have the right to appeal the decision to the Information Commissioner. Applications with appropriate fees (€50.00 or a reduced fee of €15.00 for medical card holders) should be forwarded directly to info@oic.gov.ie or by post to the Office of the Information Commissioner, 18 Lower Leeson Street, Dublin 2

Phone: (01) 639 5689

Is there a charge for requesting information under the FOI Act 2014?



There is no up-front fee for making an FOI request.

There is no fee in respect of personal records, except where a large number of records are involved.

In the case of non-personal requests, charges will apply in respect of search and retrieval and any reproduction costs incurred by the Policing Authority in providing you with the material requested where the total cost exceeds €100. A rate of €20 per hour will be charged for the amount of time spent where this minimum threshold (equivalent to five free hours) is exceeded.

A maximum ceiling of €500 applies to such fees, but where the cost of search, retrieval and copying is greater than €700 the request will be refused unless the requester narrows the scope of the request.

List of Fees

- Search and retrieval: €20.00 per hour
- Copying charges: Photocopy per sheet: €0.04 / CD-ROM: €10.00 / Radiograph: €6.00

Appeals

- Internal Review fee costs €30 (€10 for medical card holders)
- Appeal to the Office of the Information Commissioner costs €50 (€15 for medical card holders)

Method of Payment

All payments to the Policing Authority should be made by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Please contact the FOI Unit for bank details.

Contact Details when making a request



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Where can I get more information on FOI?



For more information on FOI please visit the [FOI Central Policy Unit](#) on the Department of Public Expenditure & Reform website and the [Office of the Information Commissioner](#) website.

Frequently Asked Questions

About Us

What is the Policing Authority?



The Policing Authority is an independent statutory body whose role is to oversee the performance of the Garda Síochána in its provision of policing services.

When was it set up?



The Authority was established by the [Garda Síochána \(Policing Authority and Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 2015](#) on 1 January 2016. This legislation sets out the functions of the Authority.

Is the Policing Authority independent?



Yes. The Policing Authority is established as a statutorily independent body and it is independent in the performance of its functions under the legislation.

The Authority is not part of the Garda Síochána nor of the Department of Justice and Equality.

Its members were appointed by the Government following an open selection process conducted by the Public Appointments Service.

It operates under a financial provision voted by the Dáil annually, for which the Chief Executive is accountable to the Oireachtas Public Accounts Committee.

Who are the members of the Authority?



The legislation provides for a chairperson and 8 ordinary members of the Authority. Details of the members can be viewed in [The Authority](#) page.

How are Authority members appointed and what are is the term of their appointment?



The Chairperson and members of the Authority were selected for appointment by the Government following selection processes run by the Public Appointments Service. Under the legislation, Authority members are appointed for a term of either 3 or 4 years, and may be reappointed for a further term subject to a maximum of 8 years.

Do any former or currently serving members of the Garda Síochána serve as Authority members or work at the Policing Authority?



A person is not eligible to be recommended for or appointed as a member of the Authority if he or she is a serving member of the Garda Síochána or a member of Garda Staff. There are currently no former members of the Garda Síochána serving as an Authority member.

The Policing Authority is supported by civil servants appointed primarily through the Public Appointments Service. No current or former members of the Garda Síochána are staff members of the Authority.

What is the difference between the Policing Authority, the Garda Inspectorate and GSOC?



The Policing Authority oversees the performance of the Garda Síochána at an organisational level. Its key objective is to promote trust and confidence in policing and to help shape policing services for Ireland in the future.

The Garda Inspectorate ensures that the resources available to the Garda Síochána are used to achieve the highest levels of effectiveness and efficiency in its operations and administration.

GSOC deals with complaints made by members of the public concerning the conduct of members of the Garda Síochána.

Further details on the functions of each of these organisations is available in ["Working together towards better policing for Ireland" the role of the Garda Inspectorate, GSOC and the Policing Authority \(pdf\)](#).

What is the difference between the Policing Authority and GSOC?



The Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission (GSOC) was set up in 2007 to provide efficient, fair and independent oversight of policing in Ireland. Its vision is to be a driver of ever-improving police accountability and its principal role is to deal with complaints about the conduct of members of the Garda Síochána. For further information visit [GSOC's website](#).

The Policing Authority does not deal with complaints against individual members of An Garda Síochána. Instead its role is to monitor the performance of the policing services provided by the Gardaí as a whole, particularly in terms of ensuring that the resources invested are used to provide an effective, efficient police service. This of course includes a role in monitoring complaints received with a view to identifying trends and addressing issues of concern.

What is the difference between the Policing Authority and the Garda Inspectorate?



The Garda Síochána Inspectorate was established in 2006 as an independent statutory body with the objective of ensuring that the resources available to the Garda Síochána are used to achieve and maintain the highest levels of efficiency and effectiveness in its operation and administration, as measured by reference to the best standards of comparable police services. It carries out its functions by undertaking inspections in relation to any particular aspects of the operation and administration of the Garda Síochána, as requested to do so by the Minister and reporting on and providing advice to the Minister with regard to best policing practice as required. For further information visit [Garda Síochána Inspectorate's website](#).

The Policing Authority does not have an inspection role. The Authority works closely with the Inspectorate in keeping itself informed. It can commission the Inspectorate to carry out an inspection or inquiry on a particular matter under S.117 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005. As part of its oversight of the Garda Síochána, the Authority monitors and assesses the response of the Garda Síochána to recommendations made by the Inspectorate.

The Policing Authority, the Garda Inspectorate and GSOC together provide a range of functions which aim to provide a better policing service for the people of Ireland. The respective functions of the three agencies are outlined "[Working together towards better policing for Ireland](#)" the role of the Garda Inspectorate, GSOC and the Policing Authority (pdf).

Quality Customer Service

When might a member of the public wish to contact the Policing Authority?



The Policing Authority welcomes feedback and questions from members of the public on the following topics:

- Questions or comments on the Policing Authority's work and events;
- General observations on the Garda Síochána; and
- Submissions on specific issues relating to policing in Ireland during public consultations which the Authority conducts from time to time. Details of any such public consultations will be made available on this website.

How can members of the public bring issues to the attention of the Policing Authority?



Please see our [Contact Us](#) page. Matters raised in correspondence received from members of the public are compiled into a monthly anonymised summary report which is provided to Authority members.

Can I make an appointment to discuss a matter with the Policing Authority?



No. The Policing Authority does not have a public office as its job is to oversee the work of the Garda Síochána in relation to the performance of policing services rather than to deal with individual issues.

Can the Policing Authority investigate a complaint about a member of the Garda Síochána?



The Authority does **not** have the statutory power to investigate complaints about specific incidents of Garda behaviour. Such investigations are the responsibility of the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission (GSOC), which is the independent statutory body responsible for investigating allegations of Garda misconduct. For further information visit [GSOC's website](#).

I am dissatisfied with the outcome of a GSOC investigation. Can the Policing Authority reopen my case?



No. The Policing Authority has no role in appeals arising from GSOC investigations.

When the Garda Ombudsman finds a member of the Garda Síochána has acted inappropriately, does the Policing Authority have a role in the disciplinary process?



No. The Policing Authority has no role in the Garda disciplinary process.

Can members and staff of the Garda Síochána make a protected disclosure to the Policing Authority?



Under the Protected Disclosures Act 2014, the Authority is **not** a prescribed recipient of protected disclosures for workers of the Garda Síochána.

Under the legislation, workers of the Garda Síochána, including garda members, may confidentially disclose allegations of wrongdoings within the Garda Síochána, either to their employer or to a member of the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission (GSOC), as a prescribed person under section 7 of that Act.

The procedures for making a protected disclosure are set out in the [Garda Síochána Policy for the making of Protected Disclosures](#).

Authority Meetings

When are Authority meetings held?



The Authority holds a full-day meeting each month, except in the month of August. Details of future meetings are available in [Upcoming meetings](#). Details for meetings that have already taken place can be found in [Previous Meetings](#).

Are meetings open to the public?



The [legislation](#) requires that the Authority must hold at least four meetings in public with the Garda Commissioner each year and the Authority strives to exceed this number when practical. In general, five meetings of the Authority with the Garda Commissioner are held in public each year. Members of the public and the press can attend these meetings and these meetings are live streamed and can be viewed on our YouTube channel by clicking the video link related to the meeting in [Previous Meetings](#). Meetings held in private are not open to the public or press, but the minutes of private meetings are subsequently published on our website. A schedule of these meetings for the year ahead can be found in [Upcoming meetings](#).

Are there other ways to find out what happens in a meeting held in public?



Yes. These meetings are live-streamed. You can watch the meetings live on our [Home page](#) or on [the Authority's YouTube channel](#). Footage of meetings can be watched after the meeting day in [Previous Meetings and Videos](#).

Can members of the public ask questions at the meetings in public with the Garda Commissioner?



No. Members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings as observers but may not ask questions or participate in the meeting.

Can members of the public submit questions prior to the meetings in public to be put to the Garda Commissioner?



No. Members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings as observers but may not submit questions in advance or otherwise engage in these meetings with the Garda Commissioner.

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Useful Links

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Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission

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