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POLICING AUTHORITY

Research Project on Victims' Experiences with the Garda Síochána

The Policing Authority commissioned Trilateral Research, an Ireland and UK based research SME, to lead a research project on victims' experiences with the Garda Síochána.

This research project is designed to understand the experiences of victims of crime in respect of their interactions with the Garda Síochána, and the impact of this interaction. It is hoped that it will provide important insights on:

- The nature and quality of victims' experiences
- The impact of victims' experiences on their perceptions of and likely engagement with the Garda Síochána
- The effects of the Garda Síochána initiatives designed to improve victims' experiences in the criminal justice system

The first phase of the project consisted of desk-based research and interviews with experts in academia and the Garda Síochána. An [interim report](#) on the first phase was published in October 2020.

The second phase commenced in January 2021. The research that is being undertaken within phase two includes:

- **An online survey to be completed by victims of crime** residing in Ireland. The online survey includes a series of questions that will take approximately 10-25 minutes to complete
- **In person or virtual interviews with victims of crime** residing in Ireland. Interviews will last a maximum of one hour and will be conducted by a member of Trilateral's research team virtually or in a location agreed with the interviewee

As well as this, in January and February 2021 Trilateral Research conducted **focus groups with organisations in Ireland** that have direct interaction with victims of crime, including victims from vulnerable and marginalised communities.

Would you like to participate?

Surveys will be conducted before 15 September 2021 and interviews will take place before 8 October 2021. You can contact the researchers before those dates using the contact details below, to **participate in the survey or be interviewed** if you:

- are over 18;
- have been the victim of any type of crime at any time in Ireland and;
- have contacted the Garda Síochána about the crime between January 2018 and January 2021.

If you are **an organisation working with victims of crime** and would like to provide your experience/s by participating in this research and/or would like further information about the study, please contact the researchers:

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