



**Garda Síochána Inspectorate**

**Press Statement 25 July 2019**

**Publication by the Criminal Justice (Fixed Charged Processing System) Working Group – 2018 Progress Report**

*The Inspectorate welcomes the publication yesterday by the Ministers for Justice & Equality and Transport, Tourism & Sport of the 2018 Progress Report of the Criminal Justice Fixed Charge Processing System (FCPS) Working Group, which was established to oversee and facilitate the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Garda Síochána Inspectorate's 2014 report, 'The Fixed Charge Processing System. A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Strategy'.*

*Chief Inspector Mark Toland commented **"The Inspectorate is pleased to note the progress made in implementing the recommendations contained in its report. The Inspectorate will continue to engage with the Group to assist with the implementation of the recommendations. I particularly welcome the clear and unambiguous definition of the "exceptional circumstances" reasons for cancelling a fixed charge penalty notice". The Chief Inspector added "this was one of the key recommendations in the original report and provides a significant improvement to the processing of cancellation requests."***

*The Inspectorate is convinced that the full implementation of all its recommendations will result in the development of an international best practice model and considers that the Garda ACTIVE Mobility project, mentioned in the Progress Report, offers an opportunity to deliver on many of the outstanding recommendations that will bring the Fixed Charge Processing System into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.*

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