



CIGIREACHT AN GHARDA SÍOCHÁNA GARDA SÍOCHÁNA INSPECTORATE

Purpose

The Garda Síochána Inspectorate is a statutory body, independent in its operation, set up under the Garda Síochána Act 2005. Its purpose is to ensure that the resources available to the Garda Síochána are used efficiently and effectively.

This is achieved by carrying out inspections and measuring performance by reference to the best standards of comparable police services. These Inspections are either self-initiated, or requested by the Minister for Justice or the Policing Authority.

What we do

The objective of the Garda Síochána Inspectorate is to ensure 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. This is measured by reference to the best standards of comparable police services.

To do this, we:

- Undertake inspections or inquiries into the operation and administration of different aspects of the Garda Síochána. This is done either on our own initiative or if requested to do so by the Policing Authority or the Minister for Justice.
- Submit a report of the inspection or inquiry, with recommendations for any action considered necessary, to the Minister for Justice. Any report submitted following an inspection must be [laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas](#).
- Provide advice to the Policing Authority or the Minister for Justice with regard to best international policing practices if required.