



CIGIREACHT AN GHARDA SÍOCHÁNA GARDA SÍOCHÁNA INSPECTORATE

Reports completed 2015-2020

1) Public Order Policing (June 2019)

The report, requested by the Policing Authority, is a forward looking examination of the effectiveness of public order policing by the Garda Síochána. The report explores a number of themes which impact on the effectiveness of public order policing including: strategy; governance and accountability; capability and capacity; operational delivery and post incident management. It makes a number of recommendations which are intended to contribute to greater transparency, clearer governance and leadership and a Human Rights and Equality focused approach to this important area of policing.

Link to report of inspection: <https://www.gsinsp.ie/public-order-policing/>

2) Policing with Local Communities (December 2018).

Carried out at the request of the Policing Authority and Minister for Justice this inspection focused on analysis and assessment of the allocation and use of resources available to the Garda Síochána in the delivery of policing services to local communities. It sets out a number of critical actions that would enable it to provide a more effective, visible and responsive policing service.

Link to report of inspection: <https://www.gsinsp.ie/policing-with-local-communities-4/>

3) Review of Entry Routes to the Garda Síochána (June 2018)

The advice paper focuses on recruitment to roles that require the use of sworn powers and provides a basis for discussion of options by the relevant stakeholders. The paper makes proposals which will enable the Garda Síochána attract the best candidates, broaden and diversify the experience base and promote a more open culture. Various tailored approaches are proposed regarding entry at garda, middle and senior levels for experienced police officers from other jurisdictions. This includes measures to improve diversity in terms of background in order to become a police service that is more representative of the society it serves.

Link to report of inspection: <https://www.gsinsp.ie/review-of-entry-routes-to-the-garda-siochana/>

4) Responding to Child Sexual Abuse, a Follow up Review (February 2018)

This review directly relates to a previous Inspectorate report on the investigation of child sexual abuse published in 2012. The report is a comprehensive examination of Garda Síochána practices and procedures in handling this important issue. The aim of the review was to look at the progress of the recommendations made in the previous report, examine joint-working arrangements under Children First National Guidance and consider the impact of new threats and challenges that face the investigation of child sexual abuse by the Garda Síochána.

Link to report of inspection: <https://www.gsinsp.ie/responding-to-csa-follow-up/>

5) Changing Policing in Ireland (December, 2015)

This report resulted from the Haddington Road Agreement 2013-2015 which provided for a review of the Garda Síochána. The Inspectorate was requested to examine all aspects of the administration and operation of the Garda Síochána including the structure, organisation, staffing and the deployment of members and civilian staff (garda staff) to appropriate roles. The report makes 81 recommendations for change, to modernise and restructure the Garda Síochána to ensure the greatest proportion of personnel is deployed to front-line policing services.

Link to report of inspection: <https://www.gsinsp.ie/changing-policing-in-ireland/>