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A REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS
CONTAINED IN THE FOURTH REPORT OF THE GARDA SÍOCHÁNA
INSPECTORATE ON ROADS POLICING - REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

REVIEW OF REPORT FEBRUARY 2021

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Recommendation Number	Recommendation	Accepted (A); Accepted with Modification (AM); Rejected (R).	<i>Inspectorate Assessment of the Progress of the Recommendation</i>
1	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda National Traffic Bureau (GNTB) continue to serve at the core of the Garda roads policing initiative. Building on its success to date, the GNTB should execute a review of existing roads policing policy and procedures and design a modern framework for monitoring roads policing plans and evaluating the outputs and outcomes of roads policing operations.	A	The recommendation is implemented.
2	The Inspectorate recommends that Garda management bring greater clarity to the role of the GNTB, address the issue of dual reporting relationships at the district, divisional and regional levels and clearly define the responsibilities of the Traffic Corps relative to the responsibilities of the 'regular' Garda units.	R	The recommendation is rejected.
3	The Inspectorate recommends that Garda management place greater emphasis on 'denying criminals use of the road' by developing tactical training segments for personnel and ensuring that traffic and regular units are more operationally linked.	A	The recommendation is implemented.
4	The Inspectorate recommends that Garda management continue to monitor experience levels in regular Garda units to avoid further depleting	A	The recommendation is implemented.

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	experience in units that are already at critically low levels.		
5	The Inspectorate recommends that Garda management consider dedicated accommodation for traffic personnel as part of a comprehensive facilities management plan.	AM	The recommendation is implemented.
6	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Síochána begin a comprehensive review of internal policy related to all aspects of roads policing. This should be done with a view to providing clarity to existing stated policy, identifying policy gaps and developing new policy where required. This work should include a particular focus on enhancing standard operating procedures, including safety policies on specific roads policing functions. The standard operating procedures and policy guidelines should be accessible to all members.	A.	The recommendation is implemented.
7	The Inspectorate recommends that responsibility for the National Coordinator of Forensic Collision Investigation be assigned to the Garda National Traffic Bureau.	A	The recommendation is implemented.
8	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Síochána review the positioning of equipment based on the frequency of collisions and call-outs for forensic collision specialists and, to the degree possible, ensure that the equipment is issued personally to the investigators.	A	The recommendation is implemented.

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9	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Síochána develop a plan to improve all training relating to roads policing, including legal and policy changes, court presentation, standard operating procedures for checkpoints and traffic stops and use of road traffic equipment.	A	The recommendation is implemented.
10	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Síochána urgently develop a comprehensive driver training programme and do away with the current practice of driving on ‘Chief’s Permission.’ If necessary, to expedite this recommendation, a vendor should be contracted to provide this training. Those currently driving on ‘Chief’s Permission’ should attend an abbreviated but effective driver training course.	A	The recommendation is implemented.
11	The Inspectorate recommends that all recruit applicants to the Garda Síochána be required to possess a valid driving licence prior to employment and successfully complete a comprehensive police driving course during their probationer training.	R	The recommendation is rejected.
12	The Inspectorate recommends that a review be conducted of all ‘at fault’ on-duty collisions to determine if Gardai involved should attend remedial driver training.	A	The recommendation is implemented.
13	The Inspectorate recommends that all driving instructors be required to possess and maintain a professional instructor qualification.	A	The recommendation is implemented.

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14	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Síochána track and review the number, distribution and use of intoxiliser machines.	A	The recommendation is implemented.
15	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda National Traffic Bureau maintain a central record detailing the numbers and distribution of personnel trained on roads policing equipment, the positioning of road safety equipment, the locations where it is used and how often it is being used.	A	The recommendation is implemented.
16	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Síochána develop a policy and plan for deployment of automatic number plate recognition (ANPR). The plan should clearly identify the organisational requirements, including 'back office' support and front-line operational guidelines and training.	A	The recommendation is implemented.
17	The Inspectorate recommends that, in considering the purchase of digital tachograph equipment, the Garda Síochána ensure that any such equipment or required training be compatible with that of the Road Safety Authority.	A	The recommendation is implemented.
18	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Síochána consider further extending vehicle seizure contracts to other Garda divisions. In doing so, the Garda Síochána should determine if any legal or policy changes and training are required to prepare commanders to exercise this authority.	A	The recommendation is implemented.

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19	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Síochána evaluate the Traffic Watch programme with a view to improving its long term utility. This should include an analysis of its current position in the Garda organisation, its linkages to GNTB and the benefits of data analysis in determining priorities for the future.	A	The recommendation is implemented.
20	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Síochána continue to develop road safety strategies that are outcome-focused, not simply output-focused.	A	The recommendation is implemented.
21	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Síochána modernise its system for recording, collecting and analysing road traffic data. The system should be integrated with PULSE and provide user-friendly information to Garda management and those in the field.	AM	The recommendation is implemented.
22	The Inspectorate recommends that the GNTB work with the partner agencies to develop integrated information systems incorporating the full range of roads policing activity including volumes of enforcement, interventions, detections, fixed penalties, prosecutions, convictions and other activity.	A	The recommendation is implemented.
23	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Síochána closely monitor prosecution data to identify and correct impediments to successful court	A	The recommendation is implemented.

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	outcomes and, in so far as it is within their control, minimise delays in the prosecution process.		
24	The Inspectorate encourages the Garda Síochána to continue strong road safety collaboration at the local, cross-border, European and international levels.	A	The recommendation is implemented.
25	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda National Traffic Bureau develop a database that captures best practices and documents programme successes and failures.	A	The recommendation is implemented.