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Síochána Inspectorate

PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

MISSING PERSONS
REVIEW AND
RECOMMENDATIONS

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A REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS
CONTAINED IN THE FIFTH REPORT OF THE GARDA SÍOCHÁNA
INSPECTORATE ON MISSING PERSONS - REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

REVIEW OF REPORT FEBRUARY 2021

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Recommendation Number	Recommendation	Accepted (A); Accepted with Modification (AM); Rejected (R).	Inspectorate Assessment of the Progress of the Recommendation
1	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Missing Persons Bureau continue to advise and assist in high-risk missing-persons cases leaving direct, day-to-day responsibility to district superintendents and their personnel in local police districts.	A	The recommendation is implemented.
2	Inspectorate recommends that Garda Síochána management supplement the current resources of the Garda Missing Persons Bureau with a limited number of additional personnel, including sworn police officers and non-sworn administrative and analytical staff.	A	The recommendation is implemented.
3	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Síochána designate personnel in each police district who will be responsible for all missing-persons cases and coordinate as necessary with the central Garda Missing Persons Bureau and external partners.	AM	The recommendation is implemented.
4	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Síochána develop specific missing-persons procedural guidance for call takers, front-line officers and supervisors.	A	The recommendation is implemented.
5	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Síochána provide detailed instructions to front-line officers and supervisors on their responsibilities when new	A	The recommendation is implemented.

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	agreements regarding missing persons are reached with partner organisations.		
6	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Missing Persons Bureau continue to invest in training its personnel to ensure they remain subject matter experts on missing-persons issues.	A	The recommendation is implemented.
7	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Missing Persons Bureau work continually with the Garda College to develop updated training on the subject of missing persons for new students, in-service and specialist personnel.	A	The recommendation is implemented.
8	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Síochána develop joint training with its partners, including the Health Service Executive, Civil Defence, Irish Mountain Rescue Association, sub-aqua and other voluntary search organisations, non-governmental organisations, and the Police Service of Northern Ireland.	A	The recommendation is implemented.
9	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Síochána expedite the release of enhancements to its PULSE information system that will improve the quality of its missing-persons incident records and introduce the online risk assessment tool.	A	The recommendation is implemented.
10	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Síochána make the Garda Missing Persons Bureau responsible for both official missing-persons web pages. The Inspectorate further recommends that the Garda	A	The recommendation is implemented.

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	Síochána improve these web pages to increase the ease with which they can be found and understood by the public.		
11	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Síochána ensure that missing persons technology allows for collaboration and coordination with the Police Service of Northern Ireland and other police services across Europe.	A	The recommendation is implemented.
12	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Síochána and the Health Service Executive expedite the Joint Protocol that clearly defines arrangements for addressing the issues of children in care who go missing.	A	The recommendation is implemented.
13	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Síochána expedite agreements with Civil Defence, Irish Mountain Rescue Association, sub-aqua and other voluntary search organisations.	AM	The recommendation is implemented.
14	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Síochána explore developing a more active relationship with Missing in Ireland Support Service (MISS) and other non-governmental organisations dedicated to missing persons.	A	The recommendation is implemented.
15	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Síochána work with the Police Service of Northern Ireland and their respective partners to establish a cross-border working group on missing persons. This could lead to an all-island approach to missing persons.	A	The recommendation is implemented.

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16	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Síochána work with the United Kingdom and other international partners to develop standardised protocols for cross-border investigation of missing-persons cases.	A	The recommendation is implemented.
17	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Síochána develop an alert system for missing children that includes strict criteria and provisions for international collaboration. The Inspectorate recognises that this is a challenging task that will require the support and participation of many government agencies, NGOs and private sector representatives.	A	The recommendation is implemented.
18	The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Síochána explore the opportunity to partner with Northern Ireland to develop an all-island alert system.	A	The recommendation is implemented.