



CIGIREACHT AN GHARDA SÍOCHÁNA
GARDA SÍOCHÁNA INSPECTORATE

Press Release

The Garda Síochána Inspectorate has commenced a self-initiated inspection: ***Transnational Organised Crime - A Review of the Structures, Strategies and Processes in the Garda Síochána***

This inspection will examine the structures, strategies and processes in place to tackle transnational organised crime. This will include the use of Garda powers, the training provided to members and the allocation of resources. The inspection will also explore how the Garda Síochána co-operate and exchange information with other law enforcement agencies and other stakeholders both at home and abroad. In addition, the inspection will consider how the Garda Síochána meets the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty in the policing of this type of crime.

Chief Inspector Mark Toland who will lead the Inspection commented ***“The primary aim of the inspection will be to establish how effective the Garda Síochána are at preventing transnational crime, and disrupting and dismantling transnational organised crime groups”***.

[Terms of Reference Transnational Organised Crime- A Review of the Structures, Strategies and Processes in the Garda Síochána](#)

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Notes for Editors

Functions of the Garda Inspectorate

The Garda Inspectorate is an independent body established under the Garda Síochána Act 2005. The Act provides that the objective of the Inspectorate is: "To ensure 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, as measured by reference to the best standards of comparable police services"

All inspections are conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Act, which also provides that the Inspectorate may carry out inspections or inquiries in relation to any particular aspects of the operation and administration of the Garda Síochána in the following circumstances:

- 1) if the Inspectorate considers it appropriate to do so;
- 2) at the request of the Policing Authority in respect of a matter relating to policing services;
- 3) if requested by the Minister for Justice.

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