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## **Appointment of Chief Inspector and Member to the Garda Síochána Inspectorate**

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The Garda Síochána Inspectorate is pleased to announce the appointment by the Government of Mr Mark Toland to the position of Chief Inspector of the Garda Síochána Inspectorate.

Mr Toland is a former member of the Garda Inspectorate having served from 2012 to 2016. He was appointed as a member of the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission in December 2016. Mark has over 30 years of policing experience with the UK Metropolitan Police Service, where he rose through the ranks to the position of Chief Superintendent performing both uniform and detective roles. In 2010 Mark was awarded the Queens Police Medal for distinguished police service.

Commenting on his appointment Mr Toland stated **“It is both an honour and a privilege to be appointed by Government to the position of Chief Inspector in the Garda Síochána Inspectorate. I look forward to working with members of all ranks, police staff, members of the Garda Reserve, as well as policing stakeholders, to achieve the objective of ensuring that Garda resources are used efficiently and effectively and to meet the ever increasing challenges of policing in 21st Century Ireland.**”

Mr Hugh Hume has also been appointed a member of the Garda Síochána Inspectorate. Mr Hume is formerly of the Police Service of Northern Ireland, having served for 31 years in a number of operational and strategic policing roles and rising to the rank of Detective Chief Superintendent.

Mr Hume said **“I look forward to taking on this new role and together with the other members of the Inspectorate working to ensure that the Garda Síochána is best positioned to meet local and national policing challenges with reference to best national and international policing practice”**

### **Note to Editors:**

#### **The objective of the Garda Síochána Inspectorate as an independent statutory body 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" (s. 117, Garda Síochána Act, 2005)

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