

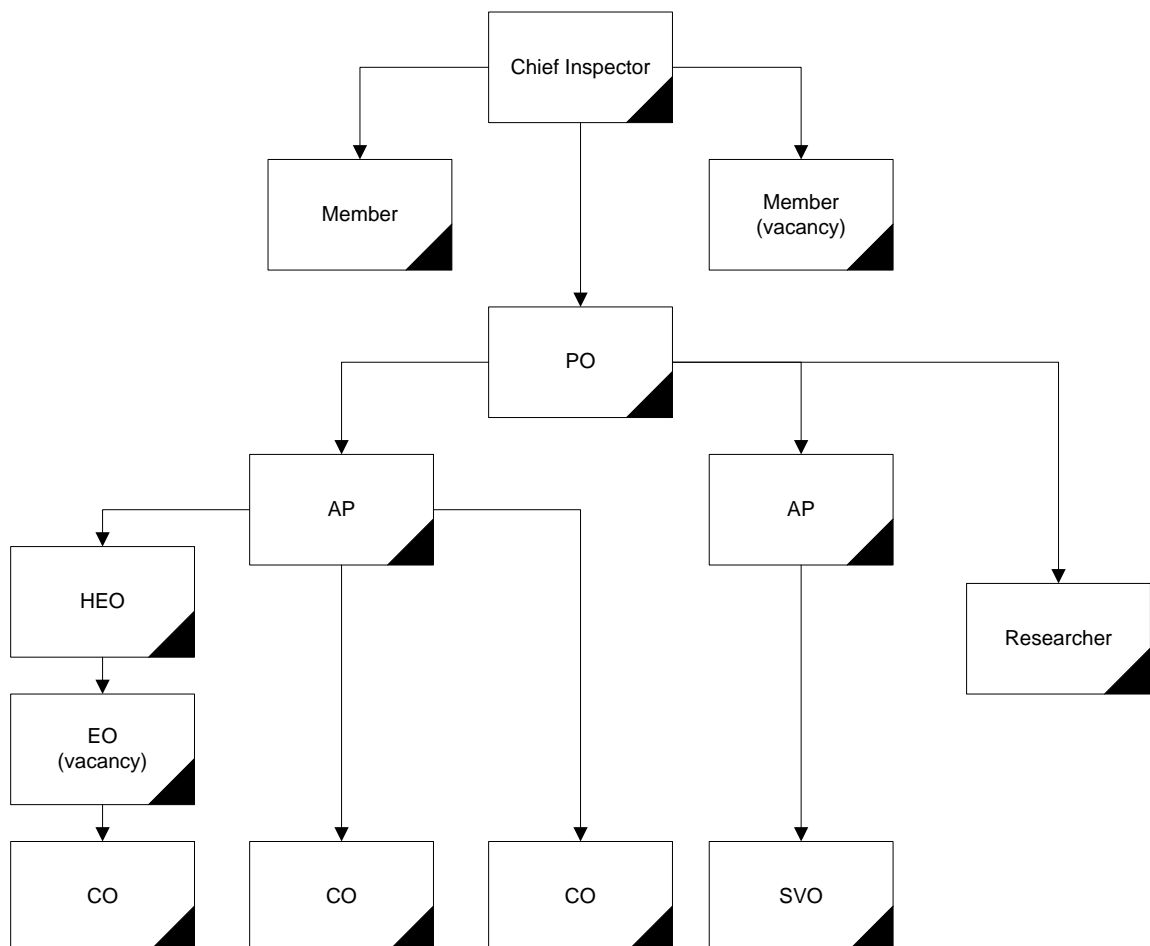
GARDA
INSPECTORATE

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Information about the Garda Inspectorate

Organisation Chart of the Garda Inspectorate



The Garda Síochána Inspectorate is an independent statutory body established on 26 July 2006 under Part 5 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005

Role of the Chief Inspector and Members

Under Section 115 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005, as amended, the Inspectorate shall consist of three members, one who shall be a Chief Inspector and at least one woman and one man appointed by the Government. The members shall have served in the police service of another state or have obtained the relevant experience which in the

opinion of the Government is suitable for the role of Inspector. A member or former member of the Garda Síochána is not eligible to apply for the position of Inspector.

Functions of the Garda Inspectorate

Under Section 117 (1) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005, as amended, the objective of the Garda Síochána 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.

Under Section 117(2) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005, as amended

“The functions of the Garda Síochána Inspectorate are: -

- (a) In furtherance of its objective to carry out, if it considers it appropriate to do so or at the request of –
 - (i) the Authority in respect of a matter relating to policing services, or
 - (ii) the Minister,inspections or inquiries in relation to any particular aspects of the operation and administration of the Garda Síochána,
- (b) to submit to the Authority or the Minister, as the case may be-
 - (i) a report of those inspections or inquiries, and
 - (ii) if required by-
 - (I) the Authority in relation to policing services, or
 - (II) the Minister,as the case may be, a report on the operation and administration of the Garda Síochána during a specified time period and on any significant developments in that regard during that period, and
- (c) to provide advice to the Authority and the Minister with regard to best policing practice.

The application of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 to the Garda Inspectorate

Schedule 1, Part 1, Paragraph(o) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, limits the scope of the application of the Act to the Garda Inspectorate by exempting the liability to provide access to certain records. The relevant section reads as follows.

“the Garda Síochána Inspectorate, insofar as it relates to records concerning an inspection or inquiry carried out by that Inspectorate under section 117(2) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005.”

Performance Agreement between the Garda Inspectorate and the Department of Justice and Equality

A Performance Agreement between the Garda Inspectorate and the Department of Justice and Equality was signed on 17 June 2016. The purpose of the Agreement is to articulate the governance arrangements which are in place for the Garda Inspectorate. The Agreement tracks the work programme of the Inspectorate over the period 2016 to mid-2017 to coincide with the term of office of the current Inspectorate.

Pay and Grading Structure

The pay and grading structure for all Government Departments is provided for through Department of Finance and Department of Public Expenditure and Reform:

<http://www.per.gov.ie/en/public-service-pay-policy/>

The Chief Inspector's remunerations is at Assistant Secretary level. A member of the Inspectorate is paid at the maximum of the Principal Officer scale.

Garda Inspectorate Strategies:

[Corporate Strategy 2016 – 2019](#)

Financial Information

The Secretary General of the Department is the Accounting Officer in respect of expenditure undertaken by the Inspectorate. Major policy proposals in respect of expenditure are the responsibility of the Department of Justice and Equality. Local expenditure is a matter for local managers.

The Garda Síochána Inspectorate budget for 2016 which includes pay and non-pay items including suppliers, rent and services amounts to approximately €1.2m.

Procurement

Tenders for Irish Government contracts, including those for the Garda Inspectorate, are advertised through the Irish Government Tenders Website which can be found at: www.etenders.gov.ie

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Interactive Map of Garda Inspectorate Office location

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