



Garda Síochána Inspectorate

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Publication by the Criminal Justice (Fixed Charge Processing System) Working Group of progress on the implementation of recommendations contained in the Inspectorate's Ninth Report

The Garda Inspectorate welcomes the publication today by the Criminal Justice (FCPS) Working Group of a status update report on the implementation of recommendations contained in the Inspectorate's 9th Report entitled *The Fixed Charge Processing System: A 21st Century Strategy*.

The Inspectorate report, published on 12 March 2014, was the result of a detailed examination of the Garda Síochána Fixed Charge Processing System (FCPS) including the cancellation practices of fixed charge notices (FCNs). It contained a total of thirty-seven recommendations of short, medium and long term duration to bring about the necessary improvements and changes to the system.

One of the key recommendations in the report was the establishment of a Criminal Justice Working Group to oversee the implementation of the recommendations made in the report. A more collaborative approach was required to bring about the changes required and the work of the group has endorsed this approach.

Chief Inspector Mark Toland commented, "the improvements brought about by the implementation of the recommendations to date is to be welcomed." He added, "the Inspectorate has regularly engaged with the Working Group and will continue to do so to assist with the implementation of its recommendations. The Inspectorate is convinced that full implementation will result in an international best practice model for the 21st Century."

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