

Terms of Reference

Post Implementation Review of Recommendation 2.2 from the Garda Síochána Inspectorate's 2017 report: Responding to Child Sexual Abuse: A follow up Review from the Garda Inspectorate.

In accordance with Section 117(2) (a) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005, as amended, the Garda Síochána Inspectorate considers it appropriate to carry out a post implementation review of recommendation 2.2 from its 2017 report, *Responding to Child Sexual Abuse: A follow up Review from the Garda Inspectorate.*

<u>Recommendation 2.2</u>: The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Síochána, in conjunction with Tusla, establish Local Child Safeguarding Committees at a divisional level to ensure more effective child protection arrangements in all local areas.

As child protection/welfare notifications are an essential part of local child protection arrangements, this review will also examine the extent to which recommendation 2.3 has been implemented.

<u>Recommendation 2.3</u>: The Inspectorate recommends that the Garda Síochána, in conjunction with Tusla, develop a new joint approach for assessing and managing child protection/welfare notifications that adopts best practices found in Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hubs and Concern Hubs.

The aim of this review is to assess whether the implementation of this recommendation is achieving its intended outcome.

In line with the Inspectorate's obligations under Section 42 of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014, this review will assess the Garda Síochána's performance in fulfilling its Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty.