



AN TÚDARÁS PÓILÍNEACHTA  
POLICING AUTHORITY

**Terms of Reference**  
**Code of Ethics Committee**

The Garda Síochána Act 2005 provides inter alia:

*17(1) The Authority shall within 12 months of the Establishment day of the Authority, establish a code of ethics that includes –*

- a) Standards of conduct and practice for members, and*
- b) Provisions to encourage and facilitate the reporting by members of wrongdoing in the Garda Síochána*

*17 (8) the Garda Commissioner shall take such steps as are necessary to ensure that all members have read and understood a code of ethics established under this section and that a record is taken of the steps so taken in relation to each member.*

In accordance with these provisions, the Authority has prepared a Code of Ethics which was adopted at its meeting of 14 December 2016. The Authority decided to set up a Special Committee of the Authority for one year to:

- consider and assess the plan prepared and measures taken by the Garda Commissioner to embed the Code of Ethics throughout the Garda Síochána in accordance with the commitments in the 2017 Policing Plan, and advise the Authority;
- review the progress on a monthly basis for the first 6 months (as necessary) and thereafter on a quarterly basis;
- assist the Authority in its oversight role through the provision of feedback to the Garda Commissioner on behalf of the Authority and through active participation at events to roll out the code, as appropriate;
- make any recommendations to the Authority it considers appropriate from time to time; and
- advise the Authority in November 2017 as to the appropriate arrangements for the continuing oversight of the embedding of the Code and as to the appropriate Committee for ongoing oversight in relation to the Code.

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