



AN TÚDARÁS PÓILÍNEACHTA  
POLICING AUTHORITY

**Minutes of Meeting of the Policing Authority**

**Date:** 26 September 2024

**Venue:** The Richmond Education and Event Centre, Dublin 7.

**Part A – Authority Meeting**

**Attendance**

**Authority:** Elaine Byrne (Chairperson), Anthony Harbinson, Donal de Buitleir, Jane Mulcahy, Deborah Donnelly, Paul Mageean

**Secretary:** Aoife Clabby

**Staff of the Authority:** Helen Hall (Chief Executive), Margaret Tumelty, Shona Keeshan (note taker)

**1. Authority Members – private session**

The Authority did not exercise its option to have a meeting in private.

**2. Chairperson’s Opening Remarks**

The meeting agenda was approved, as drafted. No conflicts of interest were declared by the Members in relation to any of the items for consideration. A number of pieces of correspondence received were noted including:

- Correspondence with the Department of Justice in relation to the timelines for commencement of the PSCS Act and associated risks for the establishment of the PCSA Vote and implications for business continuity. Members noted that the Chief Executive had engaged with the CEO of the National Shared Services Office and that the matter would continue to be pursued.
- A letter to the Minister for Justice advising of the proposed extension of the Policing Priorities 2025 and the inclusion of a small number of amendments to the associated measures of success. Members discussed the timing of approval by the Minister of the Policing Plan 2025, noting that it would require Authority and Ministerial approval prior to the commencement of the PSCS Act. It was agreed that Members would be updated upon receipt of a response. It was also noted that the matter could be considered at an additional meeting of the Authority in October, if necessary.

- A letter received from the Garda Síochána regarding the status of the substantive position of Executive Director, Human Resources and People Development. Members noted that preparations would commence shortly to initiate a selection competition for the position.
- The letter of advice dated 26 July to the Minister for Justice on the adequacy of Garda Síochána resources. The Chairperson advised Members that the advice had been the subject of discussion at a meeting with the Minister on 24 September, also attended by the Chief Executive. Members noted that there had been particular focus at the meeting on the Authority's recommendation for the ring-fencing resources for information and technology in support of the enabling functions; the inherent structural weakness in the Garda Síochána vote; and the need for radical changes in the approach to retention and recruitment of Garda members and staff.
- A letter to the Department of Justice regarding the mandatory retirement regulations for Garda Members.

The Chairperson advised Members that she had attended the Superintendents' conference on 25 September. Members discussed media coverage of matters discussed at the conference, in particular assertions made that the new Garda operating model has led to a loss of links with local communities. It was agreed that the matter would be raised with the Commissioner in part b of the meeting.

In the wake of the publication of the Scoping Inquiry Report into historical sexual abuse in schools run by religious orders and the reported contacts made to Gardaí, Members considered the likely impact on resources in the Garda Síochána. It was agreed that the matter would be discussed with the Commissioner in part c of the meeting.

### **3. Consent Agenda Items**

#### **3.1 Minutes of Meeting and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the meetings held on 25 June 2024, 25 July 2024 and 26 August 2024 were approved and cleared for publication.

#### **3.2 Policing Authority and Garda Síochána Actions Logs**

The Logs of Actions were noted and proposals to close certain actions were approved. The Chief Executive advised that despite numerous efforts to progress the action relating to exploring mechanisms for feedback to the Garda Síochána senior leadership team of thematic issues arising from engagement with stakeholders and GS members, there had been no engagement to date. It was agreed to raise the matter with the Commissioner during the meeting in private.

### **4. Chief Executive's Report**

The Chief Executive's report was taken as read and further updates were provided to Members on a number of matters in the context of the report, including in relation to:

**Meetings with UK bodies:** The Chief Executive provided a briefing to Members on recent meetings with His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) and the Mayor's

Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC). Members noted that the meeting with MOPAC provided useful insights into the challenges relating to oversight of policing in the changing landscape of policing in London in recent years. The Chief Executive advised that information relating to the constabulary inspection function of HMICFRS was of particular interest in the context of the PSCA's inspection function and that a further meeting will be arranged so that knowledge and experience can be shared.

**Diversity research report:** Members were advised that while work to finalise the research report on 'Policing of Brazilians and people of African descent' was nearing completion, it was unlikely to be ready for final consideration at the October Authority meeting.

**Renovation of office space and financial estimates:** An update was provided on the proposed renovation work for the ground floor of 90 North King Street and on the upgrading of the fourth floor including desk layout, wiring and audio-visual equipment. The options and estimates in relation to the financing of the work were discussed, in addition to the timing of anticipated spend. Members were satisfied with a proposal to instruct the OPW to proceed to the next stage of the project. It was noted that a number of items of expenditure would require Authority approval and it was agreed that detailed proposals would be provided to the Members for decision by email protocol or at a subsequent meeting of the Authority, as appropriate.

**Council of the European Union draft Council conclusions on the use of Artificial Intelligence in the field of justice:** The Chief Executive briefed Members on a request received from the Department of Justice for observations on the draft Council Conclusions on the use of Artificial Intelligence in the field of justice. Members were satisfied for a response to issue to the consultation on the basis proposed.

**Deputy Commissioner competition:** The Chief Executive provided an update on the timeframes for the conclusion of the selection competition Deputy Commissioner. Mindful of the statutory process for the nomination of any successful candidate, it was agreed that an additional meeting of the Authority would be scheduled to consider the outcomes of the selection process.

**Policing Authority Strategy and Plan:** Members considered and approved a proposal to extend the Policing Authority Strategy Statement 2024-2024 and the Business Plan 2024 by 9 months, or until the development of a strategy and plan for the Policing and Community Safety Authority, whichever is sooner. Members noted that the proposal to extend would provide for continuity, pending the establishment of the new agency. It was also noted that the an updated business plan for the time period would be developed at an early date.

Number	Action point	By Date	By Whom
A_141_01	Convene an additional meeting of the Authority to consider agenda items relating to Deputy Commissioner selection competition and proposals for works to Authority premises	ASAP	Chief Executive
A_141_02	Draft and submit observations on the draft Council conclusions on the use of Artificial Intelligence in the field of justice	ASAP	Chief Executive

## 5. Committee Updates

### 5.1 Garda Organisation Development Committee

The Committee had not met since the last meeting of the Authority.

### 5.2 Garda Appointments Quality Assurance and Selection Governance Committee

The Committee had not met since the last meeting of the Authority.

### 5.3 Policing Performance and Strategy Committee

The Committee Chairperson provided Members with an update on the meeting that had taken place on 16 September, including in relation to performance reporting, victims, community safety, organised crime, use of force recording, and an overview of covert policing. The Committee Chair advised Members that engagement on a number of agenda items had been unsatisfactory and conveyed the Committee's disappointment at an apparent lack of organisational curiosity in relation to changes in some crime trend data. Members also noted that there was no clear sense of the extent to which any assessment of the achievement of targets in the current year had been undertaken.

Members were advised that while the diversity forums appeared to be working well at a local level, there had been no progress on the development of revised terms of reference for the national forum, which remains suspended. Members noted that resourcing issues in the Victim Support Offices were an area of concern and that the Committee had engaged with senior Garda representatives on the impacts on victim call-back rates and the provision of a consistent service across divisions. The Committee Chair advised that the proposed Young Person's Plan is still being worked on and is expected to be finalised by Q4 2024.

Members were advised that there had also been engagement by the Committee on community safety and the impacts of increases in volume crime on perceptions of safety. Members noted that the DRIVE programme to address drug related intimidation continues to be an area of focus for the Garda Síochána.

The Committee Chair advised that the recording of use of force statistics was discussed and that the Committee had sought clarity on particular categorisations. The Garda representatives agreed to revert with clarification and noted their sense that there was currently under-reporting of use of

force and that it was expected that figures would increase. It was agreed that further enhancement and reporting will be required in the future.

The Committee Chair advised that the briefing provided by Assistant Commissioner, Security and Intelligence on the governance of covert policing had been very useful and constructive. Members noted that a large proportion of the Security and Intelligence portfolio fell within the ambit of policing oversight and that the future relationship between the Policing and Community Safety Authority and the Independent Examiner of Security Legislation would be of particular importance once the PSCS Act 2024 was commenced.

#### **5.4 Audit and Risk Committee**

The Committee Chairperson provided Members with an update on the meeting that had taken place on 19 September. Members were advised that the Policing Authority 2023 Appropriation Account and associated Management Letter was presented to the Committee by the Audit Manager for the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG). The outcome of the audit was described as positive.

Members noted that the Financial Report had been considered by the Committee, in addition to an update on Internal Audit and the status of open recommendations. Members were advised that the Internal Audit Plan 2024 was discussed by the Committee and it was recommended that in light of the current focus on the transition project and the resources this requires, the area of focus for internal audit should be on internal controls. Members also noted that the Internal Audit Provider had presented the IAP's Internal Audit Annual Report for 2023 to the Committee.

The Committee Chairperson advised Members of the addition of three new risks to the Risk Register, which had been discussed by the Committee. These risks relate to the upcoming transition to the PCSA in relation to Vote 41 with risk ratings of extreme. The Committee Chair advised that, in light of the Committee's serious concerns regarding the implications of transition timelines on business continuity and to payroll and expense payments, that a letter had issued from him on behalf of the Committee to the Department of Justice seeking clarity and proposals to address the matters raised.

#### **6. Risk management report**

The Authority considered the monthly risk report, provided in accordance with its Risk Management Policy. The risk register was discussed under item 5.4.

#### **7. Appointments**

Members considered and approved a request received for the extension of the role of Temporary Acting Head of Employment Law to 31 March 2025, subject to the consent of the Minister for Justice and the Minister for Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform. It was noted that the extension requested was in order to facilitate consideration of a business case for the substantive post.

Members considered and approved a request for a new position of Head of Employment Law, at the grade of Principal Officer in the Garda Síochána. Members further authorised the Chief Executive to engage with the Garda Síochána regarding finalisation of the candidate information booklet for the

role and to seek the consent of the Minister for Justice and the Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform, to the approval by the Authority of the position.

Members considered and approved a request received from the Garda Síochána to appoint a candidate to the position of Principal Officer, Corporate Services Function, in the Garda Síochána, in accordance with sanctions in place.

Members were informed that a response had not, as yet, been received from the Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform regarding a request for a supernumerary position at Superintendent rank. Members noted that clearance for candidate had been considered at the 26 August meeting to fill the supernumerary vacancy. As the vacancy for which the supernumerary request originally received was now arising, Members were satisfied to proceed to appoint the candidate to the rank of Superintendent, with effect from the date on which the candidate takes up the position to which they are assigned by the Garda Commissioner.

No.	Action point	By Date	By Whom
<b>A_141_03</b>	Seek the consent of the Minister for Justice and the Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform to an extension of the position of Temporary Acting Head of Employment Law to 31 March 2025.	ASAP	Chief Executive
<b>A_141_04</b>	Seek the consent of the Minister for Justice and the Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform, to the approval by the Authority of a new position, Head of Employment Law, at Principal Officer grade.	ASAP	Chief Executive
<b>A_141_05</b>	Notify the ED, HR&PD of the appointment of a Principal Officer, Corporate Services Function and notify the candidate.	Immediate	Chief Executive
<b>A_141_06</b>	Notify the Commissioner of the appointment of a candidate to the rank of Superintendent and notify the candidate of their appointment.	Immediate	Chief Executive

## **8. PSCS Implementation update**

Members noted the update provided in relation to the implementation of the PSCS Act. The Chief Executive confirmed her understanding that the Department of Justice's proposed commencement date for the Act remained unchanged. Members noted work being undertaken by the Executive on the transition project work streams, with good progress reported as being made across them all.

An update was provided to Members on the consultation with the Department of Justice on the Section 264 Regulations, provided for under the PSCS Act, and relating to the sharing of information for the performance of functions. It was noted that the draft Regulations have been shared with the relevant bodies for observations and that a joint response from the Garda Síochána Inspectorate (GSI) and the Policing Authority (PA) had been submitted to the Department on 10 September. Members considered generally the current methodologies adopted by GSI and the PA for the

conduct of inspections and performance assessment respectively. Members were provided with a brief overview of current work to consider a possible oversight framework for the PCSA.

### 9. Assessment of Policing Performance 2024 – Half Year Report

Members considered an initial draft Half Year Assessment of Policing Performance 2024, noting the proposed focus of the half-year assessment on the area of data and technology in the Garda Síochána. Members approved the general direction and areas of focus in the draft report, with some minor observations noted and suggested areas of inclusion and further focus.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a final draft report would be tabled for consideration at the 31 October meeting.

No.	Action point	By Date	By Whom
A_141_07	Provide a final draft Assessment of Policing Performance 2024-Half Year Report to the Authority for consideration and approval at the 31 October meeting.	ASAP	Chief Executive

### 10. Public Order Policing Report

Members were provided with an update on the status of the Public Order Review Report noting that it had been submitted to the Minister on 2 August. Members were advised that the Chief Executive and the Chairperson had subsequently discussed the timeframe for the report’s publication with the Minister at the meeting held on 24 September and had advised her that the report findings were scheduled to be discussed in public at the September meeting. Members were also advised that the Minister would consider publication of the Public Order Review in due course.

Members considered its position regarding whether to publish the report. It was agreed that, as the report had been compiled by the Authority on foot of a Ministerial request under statute, it was ultimately a matter for the Minister to determine the date of publication. It was also agreed that it was not optimal that the report was not in the public domain at the point at which it was being engaged upon by the Authority with the Commissioner. However, Members were unanimous in their view that the report’s findings were of significant public interest and noted that the Commissioner had welcomed both the Authority’s proposal to engage on it in public and for the opportunity for that oversight of this subject in the public domain represented. The Authority therefore agreed that it would not publish the report at this time, but that the findings would be the subject of detailed, comprehensive engagement with the Commissioner in part c of the meeting.

Members noted that a revised Public Order Policy had not yet been received from the Garda Síochána and it was agreed that the status of the policy would be raised with the Commissioner in part b of the meeting.

Arising from the RTÉ Prime Time documentary on the protests at the former Crown paint factory in Coolock, Members discussed a number of specific issues relating to the protests at the site, including the timing of the sequence of events as discussed with the Commissioner in July, decision making processes, and the nature of the RTÉ Prime Time footage and access to it by the Garda Síochána.

It was agreed that these matters would be engaged upon further during the meeting with the Commissioner in public.

#### **11. Preparation for meeting with Garda Commissioner**

Members discussed the agenda for the meeting and agreed the matters to be discussed with the Commissioner and his team.

#### **Documents for Noting by the Authority-September 2024**

The following documents were noted by the Authority Members:

<b>Document</b>		<b>Action Required</b>
<b>D_141_01</b>	Draft Council Conclusions on the use of Artificial Intelligence in the field of justice	For noting
<b>D_141_02</b>	Criminal Justice Strategic Committee June meeting note	For noting
<b>D_141_03</b>	2024-08-29 Newsbeat - New Garda Applicant Vetting Unit established	For noting



## Part B – Authority Meeting with the Garda Commissioner in private

### Attendance:

**Authority and Executive:** Elaine Byrne (Chairperson), Anthony Harbinson, Donal de Buitleir, Jane Mulcahy, Deborah Donnelly, Paul Mageean, Aoife Clabby (Secretary), Helen Hall (Chief Executive), Margaret Tumelty, Shona Keeshan (note taker).

**Garda Síochána:** Drew Harris (Commissioner), Shawna Coxon (Deputy Commissioner), Siobhan Toale (Chief Corporate Officer), Yvonne Cooke (Acting Executive Director), Eimear Bourke (Executive Director), Niamh O’Hara (Assistant Principal)

Members discussed a number of matters with the Commissioner and his senior colleagues at the outset of the meeting, including in relation to:

- The updated approach to financial reporting by the Garda Síochána. Members welcomed the significant improvement to the quality of information provided, which was acknowledged by the Commissioner and his senior colleagues.
- The notification process for raising the threat level for national security from moderate to substantial, further to section 41 of the Act was raised with the Commissioner. Members discussed generally with the Commissioner the practical implications of any change in threat level in terms of the management of operations and associated resources.
- The recent RTE Prime Time documentary on the protests and public order incidents at the former Crown paint site in Coolock. Members discussed the circumstances surrounding the apparent assault of a journalist, as broadcast on the documentary, and asked the Commissioner for his assessment of situation as it unfolded, from a policing perspective. The Commissioner outlined his views on the matter and confirmed that the Garda Síochána had not as of yet been able to get access to the footage. He also noted that the documentary was useful in demonstrating the volatility and violence of such public order incidents. It was agreed that the matters discussed would be explored further in part c of the meeting.
- Recent media coverage of the Superintendents’ conference and an assertion that the implementation of the new operating model had led to the loss of links with communities. The Commissioner outlined the benefits that the new operational model had brought in terms of increased frontline supervision, including an increase in numbers of Inspectors and Sergeants; the introduction of business service and performance assurance functional areas, designed to reduce the administrative burden at Superintendent level; and the increase in specialisation in order to enhance service delivery to victims of crime. While acknowledging that resourcing constraints are being felt throughout the organisation, the Commissioner did not support the assertions made in respect of the implementation of the operating model.

## 12. Garda Síochána Strategy Statement and Policing Plan 2025

Members welcomed the Commissioner’s proposal to extend the Policing Plan into 2025 in light of the uncertainty surrounding a definitive date for commencement of the PSCS Act and asked if there were any changes required to the Policing Plan, based on challenges to delivery experienced in the current year. The Commissioner and his senior colleagues confirmed that the 20 targets will remain unchanged, however modest changes to some of the measures of success have been proposed. Members questioned the extent of communication on the approach to the Policing Plan 2025 at Divisional level. It was confirmed that this will happen, and that as the Key Performance Indicators had been developed with the input of Divisions, there would be aware an awareness of the proposed approach. In light of the intended commencement date for the PSCS Act, Members noted that the revised Policing Plan would need to be submitted to the Minister for approval at an early date. It was agreed that the revised plan would be considered at an additional meeting of the Authority.

No.	Action point	By Date	By Whom
A_141_08	Revised Policing Plan for 2025 to be provided for consideration at an additional meeting of the Authority.	ASAP	Garda Commissioner

## 13. Workforce planning and Garda resources

Members discussed the impact of the current shortfall in Garda members with the Commissioner including in relation to the impact on overtime expenditure. The Commissioner was asked for his assessment of the impact that achieving the target of 15,000 Garda members would have on the Garda organisation. The Commissioner provided an overview of the key drivers of overtime expenditure and highlighted the potential for savings in overtime, including moving to a new roster. The Commissioner also noted that overtime is not evenly distributed across the organisation and this required ongoing monitoring, in the context of the health and safety of Garda members. The Commissioner advised that an additional 1,000 members would not directly correlate with a reduction in overtime spend, for a variety of reasons which were briefly outlined. However, it was acknowledged that some efficiencies could be made.

Members engaged with the Commissioner on the projected budget overspend and the introduction of cost control measures. The Commissioner placed strong emphasis on the importance of prudent management of budgets throughout the organisation and the need for improvement in this area.

### Other Business

An outstanding action relating to exploring mechanisms for feedback to senior Garda leadership of thematic issues arising from engagement with stakeholders and GS members, in addition to potential learning from oversight in other jurisdictions was raised with the Commissioner. Members highlighted the fact that despite numerous efforts on the part of the Chief Executive since the action was agreed in April 2023, a meeting with the appropriate Assistant Commissioners had not yet been agreed. The Commissioner advised that he would follow up on this action.

Members briefly discussed the capacity and capability of the Garda organisation to gather trend data, both internally and through GSOC, which might indicate patterns of unacceptable behaviour by Garda members in stations or divisions and thereby enable the organisation to respond effectively in addressing such issues.

The Commissioner provided a brief update to the Authority on the implications for the Garda Síochána of the Scoping Inquiry Report into historical sexual abuse in schools run by religious orders. It was agreed to discuss this matter in more detail at the meeting in public.

No.	Action point	By Date	By Whom
A_141_09	Commissioner to follow up on the action to arrange a meeting between relevant ACs and Authority staff to explore mechanisms for feedback to GS SLT of thematic issues arising from engagement with stakeholders and GS members.	ASAP	Garda Síochána

## Part C– Meeting with the Garda Commissioner (in public) 15.00-17.00

### Attendance

**Authority and Executive:** Elaine Byrne (Chairperson), Helen Hall (Chief Executive), Donal de Buitléir, Anthony Harbinson, Jane Mulcahy, Paul Mageean, Deborah Donnelly.

**Garda Síochána:** Drew Harris (Commissioner), Shawna Coxon (Deputy Commissioner), Siobhan Toale (Chief Corporate Officer), Paula Hilman (Assistant Commissioner), Angela Willis (Assistant Commissioner), Majella Armstrong (Chief Superintendent), Barry Walsh (Chief Superintendent).

This meeting with the Garda Commissioner and his team was live streamed. In accordance with the Authority’s Standing Orders, the official record of the meeting is the recording which is available to view at <https://www.policingauthority.ie/en/authority-meetings>.

At the outset of the meeting, an update was provided by the Commissioner on the recent Scoping Inquiry Report into historical child sexual abuse in schools run by religious orders. The issue of the cover up of institutional abuse was raised by the Commissioner, and an outline was provided of the stages of work required within the Garda Síochána to support the investigation internally. The Commissioner confirmed that 522 contacts had been received from members of the public to date, and encouraged any individual who has been a victim of abuse but has not yet come forward to please do so.

The following matters were then discussed during the meeting:

Item Number	Agenda Item	Principal matters discussed
14	Public Order Policing Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clarity sought and provided in relation to the timeline of events leading up to the violent disorder that had occurred in Coolock and that had been the subject of previous discussion at the July Authority meeting in public.</li><li>• Outline provided of arrests made on foot of the footage shown on the Prime Time documentary on public order incidents.</li><li>• Discussion in relation to the decision to stand down the Public Order Unit on the morning of the public order event in Coolock and consideration of the timeline of the dispatch of resources.</li><li>• Discussion in relation to the Policing Authority’s Public Order Review report that was submitted by the Policing Authority to the Minister for Justice and the status of recommendations contained in the Inspectorate report on public order policing.</li><li>• Outline provided of the updates being made by the Garda Síochána to their public order policies.</li></ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration given to the work carried out by the National Public Order Steering Group.</li> <li>• Overview provided of protest activity in the year to date, compared to the previous two years.</li> <li>• Discussion in relation to the implementation of the Public Order Command Model at public order incidents.</li> <li>• Outline of the steps being taken in order to repair the relationship between the gardaí and the local communities after a public order incident.</li> <li>• Outline provided of the role and training of Public Order Tactical Advisors.</li> <li>• Overview provided of recent expenditure to upgrade and improve public order equipment, including a consideration of the supports available to the public order members.</li> </ul>
15	<b>Garda Síochána Property Exhibit Management System (PEMS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement with senior Garda representatives on their assessment of improvements in relation to the operation of PEMS compared to 6 months ago.</li> <li>• Consideration of a recent Garda Inspectorate post implementation review of a recommendation relating to PEMS, and engagement on the findings of the review.</li> <li>• Outline provided of engagements with Internal Audit, Professional Standards &amp; Forensic Coordination Office to progress assurance and governance in relation to PEMS.</li> <li>• Discussion regarding measures being taken to tackle the deficiencies in PEMS in the short term.</li> <li>• Discussion regarding measures to ensure that the implementation of policy in relation to PEMS is consistent in each Garda division.</li> </ul>
16	<b>Policing Plan 2025: commitments to the public and Garda personnel</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of the key commitments being made to the public in terms of policing service delivery in 2025, and an outline of the rationale to extend the Policing Plan 2024 into 2025.</li> <li>• Consideration given to changes within the policing environment that are impacting on the Garda Síochána's commitments to the public.</li> <li>• Discussion on the new Garda operating model and the impact it has had on the ability to engage with communities.</li> <li>• Consideration of Garda divisions that have had the operating model in place for a longer time, and if there have been any assessments carried out regarding improvements that can be made in engaging with communities.</li> <li>• Consideration of the stretch on Garda resources with additional policing demands being met by overtime, and the impact on the health and safety of members.</li> </ul>

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<b>17</b>	<b>PSCS Act and ongoing policing oversight</b>	In concluding the session, the Chairperson conveyed the Authority's thanks to the Commissioner and his colleagues for the Garda Síochána's open engagement with the Policing Authority since it came into existence.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Action point</b>	<b>By Date</b>	<b>By Whom</b>
<b>A_141_10</b>	Keep the Authority informed of the ongoing work being done by the Garda Síochána on issues raised in the Scoping Inquiry Report on historical sexual abuse in schools run by religious orders.	Ongoing	Garda Síochána
<b>A_141_11</b>	Finalise the policies on public order and provide them to the Authority.	End October 2024	Garda Síochána
<b>A_141_12</b>	Provide outstanding information previously referred to at the April and May meetings regarding Property Exhibit issues: a report from Kilkenny/Carlow Division and an update on actions being taken regarding the missing seized drugs in Carlow.	ASAP	Garda Síochána
<b>A_141_13</b>	The Authority to return to the matter of public order in 2025 to assess the extent to which practical progress has been made to implement the outstanding issues outlined in the Authority's Public Order Review Report August 2024.	2025	Authority