

Policing of Bail Conditions

Scope and Terms for Inspection

In accordance with section 143 (1) of the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024 (the Act), the Policing and Community Safety Authority (the Authority) considers it appropriate to conduct an inspection of the policing of bail conditions by An Garda Síochána. This inspection will examine the extent to which bail conditions are proactively and effectively policed and how breaches are dealt with by An Garda Síochána.

In accordance with section 143 (4) (a) of the Act, the scope and terms of this inspection are to examine the policing of bail conditions and breaches of bail to ensure it is conducted appropriately and consistently in accordance with garda policy including:

- The application of relevant policies and procedures across stations and divisions.
- The recording, exchange and timeliness of information relating to bail conditions between criminal justice sector partners, and An Garda Síochána.
- The process, in practice, of proactively and effectively policing bail conditions and breaches of bail.
- The performance accountability mechanisms undertaken to ensure consistent, proactive and effective policing of bail conditions and breaches of bail.
- How An Garda Síochána ensures its approach to the policing of bail conditions fulfils its statutory obligations to protect and vindicate human rights

This inspection will examine the policing of bail conditions from the point they are granted through the communication of information between criminal justice partners to their management, enforcement when a breach is detected, to the conclusion of the criminal justice process.

The inspection will be carried out in a manner which is proportionate, accountable and transparent, and ensures the integrity and objectivity of the findings of such inspections.

A report on the findings of this inspection will be prepared in accordance with section 149 of the Act and shall contain, if appropriate, recommendations for any action that the Authority considers necessary.