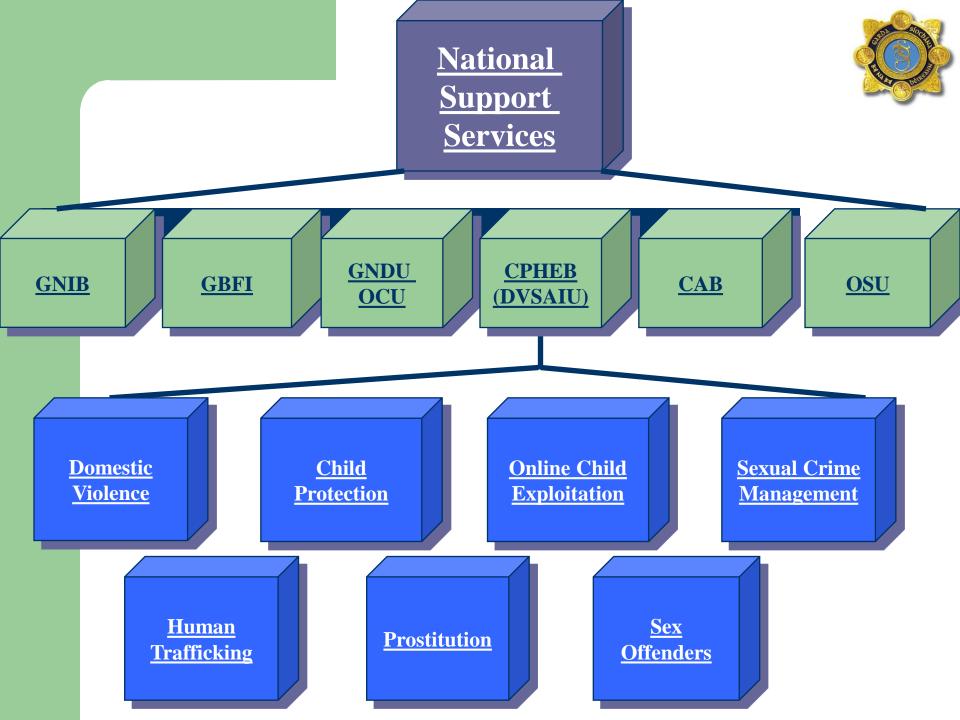
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An Garda Síochána – Protection of Vulnerable Persons

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Garda Síochána Act 2005, Section 7 Function (Powers & Duties)

Include:

- Preserving peace and public order
- Protecting life and property
- Vindicating the human rights of each individual
- Protecting the security of the State
- Preventing, Detecting and Investigating Crime

To achieve that Function:

- co-operate, as appropriate, with
 - other Departments of State, agencies and bodies with legal responsibility for any matter relating to that objective.



Investigation of Criminal Offences

- Burden of Proof
- Complaint Statement, Medical / Forensic Exam
- Corroborative Evidence Witnesses, Historical
- Evidence Physical, Documentary, Electronic, etc.
- Suspect
- Garda Investigation File to Director of Public Prosecutions
- Prosecution of Offences

Specialist Interviewing

- Section 16(1)(b) Criminal Evidence Act 1992
- "video recording of any evidence given ...shall be admissible at the trial of any fact stated therein of which direct oral evidence would be admissible"
 - Under 14 years at time of interview
 - Person with an intellectual disability
 - Victim of Violent/Sexual Offence or threat of Violence

Specialist Interviewing

- Children First National Guidance 1999/2011
- Good Practice Guidelines 2003
- Specialist Interviewing S.I. 2008
- 7 Specialised Interview Suites
- Training
- Interview Process
- Court

Reporting

- Criminal Justice (withholding of information on offences against children and vulnerable persons) Act 2012
 - Obligation to disclose
 - Defences
- Children First
 - Concerns re Future Harm



Child Protection & Welfare Crime Prevention

- Welfare of the Child is First & Paramount Consideration
- Notifications & Referrals to Tusla
- Sharing 'Sensitive Personal Data' with Tusla
- Section 12 Child Care Act 1991
- Protections for Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act, 1998
 - Immunity from Civil Liability
 - Protection for Employees
 - False Reports



Protection of Vulnerable Persons Crime Prevention

Sex Offender Management

- Tracking Offenders subject to the Sex Offenders Act 2001
- Risk Assessment & Management
- An Garda Síochána, Probation Service, Tusla
- Other Agencies Prisons, Housing Authorities
- Liaison with Foreign Police Forces

Advice & Support

Public, Other Agencies, Other Gardaí



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