

Annex 2 Notifications

The Garda HQ Directive 10/2010 requiring notifications to GSOC came into effect on the 26th January 2010, and requires members of the Garda Síochána to notify GSOC of the discharge of a firearm, or less lethal device within 48 hours using an Annex 2 Notification form. These notifications involve the discharge of a Garda issue firearm or less lethal device which does not result in the death of, or serious harm to a person. These notifications are on a non-statutory basis, and GSOC only has records of the incidents that it is notified about by the Garda Síochána. The tables below shows the number of Annex 2 notifications received by GSOC involving the discharge of a less-lethal weapon/firearm for the year 2020.



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Taser Notifications

Date of Incident	Date of Report	Date Received in GSOC	Within 48hrs	Station	District	Location of Incident	Injuries
29/02/2020	06/03/2020	06/03/2020	No	ASU Claremorris	Claremorris	Cross, Co Mayo	N/A
29/02/2020	06/03/2020	06/03/2020	No	ASU Claremorris	Claremorris	Cross, Co Mayo	N/A
14/04/2020	15/04/2020	15/04/2020	Yes	ASU DMR	ASU STOC	Swords, Co Dublin	N/A
14/04/2020	15/04/2020	15/04/2020	Yes	ASU DMR	ASU STOC	Swords, Co Dublin	N/A
25/04/2020	27/04/2020	27/04/2020	Yes	ASU Ballyshannon	Ballyshannon	Sligo Town, Sligo	N/A
07/05/2020	08/05/2020	08/05/2020	Yes	ASU Anglesea St	Cork City	Bandon, Co Cork	Not injured as a result of the discharge
07/05/2020	08/05/2020	08/05/2020	Yes	ASU Anglesea St	Cork City	Bandon, Co Cork	Not injured as a result of the discharge
22/05/2020	23/05/2020	24/05/2020	Yes	STOC	ASU DMR	Finglas, Co Dublin	No injuries observed
24/05/2020	25/06/2020	26/06/2020	Yes	Waterford ASU	Waterford	New Ross, Co Wexford	N/A
26/05/2020	29/05/2020	29/05/2020	No	ASU Ballyshannon	Ballyshannon	Sligo Town, Sligo	N/A. Discharged at Pit Bull Dog
26/05/2020	29/05/2020	29/05/2020	No	ASU Ballyshannon	Ballyshannon	Sligo Town, Sligo	N/A. Discharged at Dog
13/06/2020	13/06/2020	13/06/2020	Yes	NWRHQ Galway	Galway	Belturbet, Co Cavan	N/A. Also references use of distraction device
21/06/2020	21/06/2020	21/06/2020	Yes	STOC	ASU DMR	Clonsilla, Co Dublin	Upon restraint received medical attention from ASU for taser use and small cut to side of [Redacted] head
22/06/2020	22/06/2020	22/06/2020	Yes	Henry Street	Limerick City North	Cootehill, Co Cavan	
29/06/2020	30/06/2020	30/06/2020	Yes	Claremorris	Claremorris	Castlerea, Co Roscommon	Apparent self-inflicted wounds to [Redacted] wrists
04/07/2020	04/07/2020	04/07/2020	Yes	Anglesea St ASU	Anglesea St	M8 Motorway, Co Cork	N/A
09/07/2020	09/07/2020	10/07/2020	Yes	Cahir	Cahir	Belturbet, Co Cavan	N/A
15/07/2020	16/07/2020	16/07/2020	Yes	Henry Street	Henry Street	Limerick City, Co Limerick	N/A
25/07/2020	25/07/2020	25/07/2020	Yes	STOC	DMR STOC	Blanchardstown, Co Dublin	N/A
15/08/2020	17/08/2020	17/08/2020	Yes	Ballyshannon	Ballyshannon	Letterkenny, Co Donegal	No injuries
17/08/2020	17/08/2020	18/07/2020	Yes	Dundalk	Louth	Dunleer, Co Louth	N/A
20/08/2020	20/08/2020	20/08/2020	Yes	Waterford ASU	Waterford	Dungarvan, Co Waterford	N/A
24/08/2020	24/08/2020	25/08/2020	Yes	Anglesea St	Anglesea St	[Redacted] Cork City	[Redacted] had caused self inflicted wounds to [Redacted] hands, arms and face
04/09/2020	04/09/2020	05/09/2020	Yes	NWRHQ Galway	Galway	Carroroe, Co Galway	N/A. Pepper Spray also deployed
06/09/2020	07/09/2020	07/09/2020	Yes	Henry Street ASU	Henry Street	Flagmount, Co Clare	N/A
06/09/2020	07/09/2020	07/09/2020	Yes	Henry Street ASU	Henry Street	Flagmount, Co Clare	N/A
02/10/2020	04/10/2020	04/10/2020	Yes	Ballyshannon	Ballyshannon	Cloghan, Co Donegal	N/A
08/10/2020	08/10/2020	08/10/2020	Yes	NWRHQ Galway	Galway	Litir Mor, Co Galway	N/A
17/10/2020	17/10/2020	17/10/2020	Yes	Waterford ASU	Waterford	[Redacted], Co Tipperary	[Redacted] was bleeding from wounds to [Redacted] hands and wrists
21/10/2020	22/10/2020	22/10/2020	Yes	Henry Street	Limerick	Convent Rd, Tipperary	N/A
21/10/2020	21/10/2020	22/10/2020	Yes	Henry Street	Limerick	Ballyporeen, Co Tipperary	N/A
10/11/2020	10/11/2020	10/11/2020	Yes	ASU NWRHQ Galway	STOC Galway	Stonespark, Co Longford	N/A
27/11/2020	27/11/2020	27/11/2020	Yes	ASU STOC	STOC Dublin	Ballyfermot, Co Dublin	N/A
01/12/2020	02/12/2020	02/12/2020	Yes	ASU DMR	ASU	Killiney, Co Dublin	N/A
29/12/2020	29/12/2020	29/12/2020	Yes	Henry Street ASU	Henry Street	Caherdavin, Co Limerick	N/A
30/12/2020	31/12/2020	31/12/2020	Yes	DMR - ASU	STOC	Clonee, Co Dublin	N/A. OC Spray also deployed

Firearm Notifications
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Date of Incident	Date of Report	Date Received in GSOC	Within 48hrs	Station	District	Location of Incident	Injuries
04/07/2020	04/07/2020	04/07/2020	Yes	Anglesea St ASU	Anglesea St	M8 Motorway, Fermoy, Co Cork	N/A
04/07/2020	04/07/2020	04/07/2020	Yes	Anglesea St ASU	Anglesea St	M8 Motorway, Co Cork	N/A
30/12/2020	31/12/2020	31/12/2020	Yes	DMR - ASU	STOC	Clonee, Co Dublin	N/A

Distraction Device (Flashbang)

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Date of Incident	Date of Report	Date Received in GSO.C	Within 48hrs	Station	District	Location of Incident	Injuries
02/01/2020	02/01/2020	08/01/2020	Y	Waterford	Waterford	Waterford City, Co Waterford	Subject had self harmed

40 mm Impact Round
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Date of Incident	Date of Report	Date Received in GSOC	Within 48hrs	Station	District	Location of Incident	Injuries
02/03/2020	02/03/2020	02/03/2020	Yes	ASU DMR	ASU DMR	Ballyfermot, Dublin 12	N/A
04/04/2020	05/04/2020	06/04/2020	Yes	Anglesea Street	Anglesea Street	Little Island, Cork	N/A
03/05/2020	03/05/2020	03/05/2020	Yes	STOC	ASU DMR	Blanchardstown, Co Dublin	N/A
30/05/2020	30/05/2020	30/05/2020	Yes	STOC	ASU DMR	Clonsilla, Co Dublin	[Redacted] had self harmed and was bleeding from both forearms
09/07/2020	09/07/2020	10/07/2020	Yes	Cahir	Cahir	Belturbet, Co Cavan	N/A
19/07/2020	19/07/2020	19/07/2020	Yes	ASU STOC	Dublin	Tallaght, Co Dublin	N/A. Incapacitant Spray also deployed
23/11/2020	24/11/2020	24/11/2020	Yes	ASU Newbridge	Kildare	Robertstown, Co Kildare	N/A. Deployed at Dog

Referrals/Public Interest Investigations

GSOC may also undertake an investigation involving the discharge of a Garda issue firearm or less lethal device that results in the death of, or serious harm to a person. Such an investigation requires a **referral** to be made to GSOC by the Garda Commissioner pursuant to section 102(1) of the Garda Síochána Act, 2005 (as amended).

GSOC also has the power to initiate a **public interest investigation** in accordance with section 102(4) in the absence of a complaint or referral from the Garda Commissioner. GSOC may initiate an investigation under section 102(4) based on information contained within an Annex 2 notification, or if it is made aware of a particular incident through other means.

Each of the GSOC investigations into the discharge of a firearm by a garda member was initiated either on foot of a s.102 (1) referral from the Garda Commissioner. There were no public interest investigations conducted under s.102 (4) for the year 2020. Information in relation to the investigations is listed below – where a notification under Directive 10/2010 was received for the same incident this has been indicated.

Investigations opened under s.102 (1) or s.102 (4) re Lethal Firearms Discharge

Year	S.102 (1) Date of Referral/AGS Unit/Location/Injuries	S.102 (4)
2020	<p>21 May 2020 Armed Response Unit. Mallow, Co Cork. One person received a graze injury.</p> <hr/> <p>11 June 2020 SDU/ERU. Ballsbridge, Co Dublin. One person received a self-inflicted injury to the groin area as a result of an accidental discharge.</p> <hr/> <p>30 December 2020 ASU. Hartstown, Co Dublin. One person deceased. <i>(This is also listed on the 2020 firearms notifications, and included in the figures provided for Annex 2 notifications)</i></p>	n/a