

A few items to note.

- The figures below is drawn from complaints received in 2017 – 2019. Please see the note at the foot of this document for an explanation of this, and for more information on how complaints are processed, including matters of admissibility.
- Please note that the below information should be treated as indicative only, and does not represent official, published, statistical information from GSOC.
- Related to this, please note that this information is indicative of the statistics as of the date they have been drawn down from the GSOC system. Information on cases, by its nature, is dynamic, and subject to update on foot of further information received during the course of an investigation.

That all outlined, please see the below.

2019

A total of 1,754 complaints were opened in 2019 containing 3,192 allegations. (Please note one complaint can contain more than one allegation.)

A total of 119 complaints were received in the D.M.R South Central containing 223 allegations. Sixty (60) of these complaints containing 111 allegation originated from the Pearse Street District.

**Pearse Street**

60 complaints and 111 allegations

Following the admissibility process:

<i>Admissible/part admissible</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>96</i>
<i>Inadmissible</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>14</i>
Not provided*	1	1

\*Not provided - One complaint containing one allegation which was initially deemed admissible was discontinued before an investigation began.

Allegation Type in admissible allegations:

Allegation Type	
Abuse of Authority	11
Corrupt or Improper Practice	2
Discourtesy	2
Discrimination	1
Misuse of Money or Property	1
Neglect of Duty	17
Non-fatal offence	57

Other	2
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Please note - The breakdown of allegations (above) does not include 3 allegations that are currently awaiting categorisation.

Breakdown of investigation following GSOC determination:

Criminal investigation	34
Supervised disciplinary	3
Unsupervised disciplinary	10
Non-criminal investigation	1
	<b>48</b>

Criminal investigations by GSOC are conducted in accordance with section 98 of the Garda Síochána Act, 2005. All allegations of criminal offences by gardaí are investigated by GSOC's own investigators.

### 2018

A total of 1,917 complaints were opened in 2018 containing 3,146 allegations. (Please note one complaint can contain more than one allegation.)

A total of 127 complaints were received in the D.M.R South Central containing 226 allegations. Seventy (70) of these complaints containing 122 allegation originated from the Pearse Street District.

### Pearse Street

70 complaints and 122 allegations

Following the admissibility process:

<i>Admissible/part admissible</i>	57	109
<i>Inadmissible</i>	12	12
Not provided*	1	1

\*Not provided - One complaint containing one allegation which was initially deemed admissible was discontinued before an investigation began.

### Allegation Type in admissible allegations:

Allegation Type	
Abuse of Authority	20
Criminal Damage	2
Discourtesy	24
Discreditable Conduct	1
Generic inadmissible allegation	1

Neglect of Duty	17
Non-fatal offence	38
Other	4
Road Traffic Infringement	2

Breakdown of investigation following GSOC determination:

Criminal investigation	32
Supervised disciplinary	6
Unsupervised disciplinary	13
Non-criminal investigation	1
Discontinued prior to initiation of investigation	5
	<b>57</b>

## 2017

A total of 1,949 complaints were opened in 2018 containing 4,708 allegations. (Please note one complaint can contain more than one allegation).

A total of 155 complaints were received in the D.M.R South Central containing 375 allegations. Seventy eight (78) of these complaints containing 166 allegation originated from the Pearse Street District.

### **Pearse Street**

78 complaints and 166 allegations

Following the admissibility process:

<i>Admissible/part admissible</i>	65	147
<i>Inadmissible</i>	13	19

Allegation Type in admissible allegations:

Allegation Type	
Abuse of Authority	48
Discrimination	3
Discourtesy	13
Discreditable Conduct	1
Improper use of Information	5
Neglect of Duty	35
Misuse of money or property	3

Non-fatal offence	31
Other	2
Road Traffic Infringement	1

Please note - The breakdown of allegations (above) does not include 5 allegations that are currently awaiting categorisation.

Breakdown of investigation following GSOC determination:

Criminal investigation	24
Supervised disciplinary	5
Unsupervised disciplinary	31
Non-criminal investigation	2
Discontinued prior to initiation of investigation	3
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**Note on how complaints are assessed by GSOC**

All complaints received by GSOC are assessed against criteria listed in the Garda Síochána Act, 2005 to determine if they are admissible. For a complaint to be admissible, it must meet the following criteria:

According to section 87 of the Act, GSOC can admit a complaint if it:

- Is made by (or, in certain circumstances. On behalf of) a person who is directly affected by, or who witnesses, the conduct subject of complaints;
- Is about behaviour which would, if proven, constitute a criminal offence or a breach of Garda discipline by a member of the Garda Síochána;
- Is made within the time limit of within one year of the incident subject of the complaint;
- Does not relate to the general direction and control of the Garda Síochána by the Garda Commissioner; and
- Does not relate to the conduct of a member of the Garda Síochána while the member was off duty, unless the conduct alleged would, if proven, be likely to bring discredit on the Garda Síochána

If a complaint does not meet the criteria it is deemed inadmissible and no further action is taken by GSOC.

After a complaint is deemed admissible it can be dealt with in a number of ways depending on what is alleged.

All allegations of criminal offences by Gardaí are investigated by GSOC investigators under section 98 of the Garda Síochána Act, 2005.

If breaches of discipline have being identified these complaints can be dealt with in a number of ways, such as:

- unsupervised disciplinary investigations (under section 94 of the Act), conducted by Garda Superintendents

- Supervised investigation (under section 94(5)). These are also conducted by Garda Superintendents but are supervised by GSOC investigators. These investigations are conducted by Garda Superintendents in line with Garda Discipline regulations.
- Non-criminal investigations (under section 95 of the Act) are carried out by GSOC investigators.

**Explanation on most common allegation types -**

- Neglect of Duty – allegations that a garda failed to take an action that could have been reasonably expected – such as, at one end of the scale, returning a phone call, or properly investigating an alleged serious crime at the other.
- Abuse of Authority – excessive use of force, or an instruction to do something which the person making the complaint believes was beyond the garda’s authority to instruct
- Non-fatal offences – these are allegations of a criminal offence listed in the Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person Act, 1997 and include, for example assault.
- Discourtesy – complaints around how a garda spoke to or behaved towards a person.