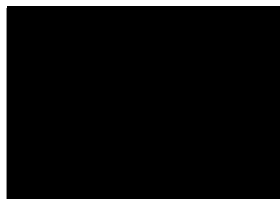


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**REGISTERED POST:**

A Chara,

I wish to make a submission to the above Commission on an aspect on the Future of Policing in Ireland as I attended an Interview Seminar in Letterkenny Public Service Centre to highlight my concerns.

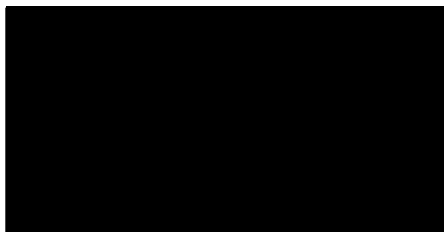
I believe An Garda Siochana should investigate all kinds of unnatural deaths as I am talking from experience when I say that a relative of mine was discharged from Hospital too early and hadn't recovered properly. I attended his G.P. and he wouldn't attend to him and the patient then died and his G.P. then attended his remains but wouldn't send him to Hospital as was advised by me for him to have a Post Mortem. His remains should have been attended to by a member of An Garda Siochana and a Statement taken from everyone in attendance. He then filled in his Death Certificate using the Medical Discharge notes from the Hospital and therefore his Death Certificate is improper and incorrect. It is so difficult trying to obtain his Medical Records to discover why did he die that if An Garda Siochana investigated his death it would make it easier on the individuals who require the information because at the present moment the stance is if a person dies as a result of Medical Negligence An Garda Siochana don't want to investigate the matter if it is against the State.

The County Coroner also will not investigate the death or hold an Inquest and should be required by law to do so.

I also want to highlight the issue of when a person dies suddenly without being under the care of Doctor then a member of An Garda Siochana has to attend the scene and take a Statement from a family member that there was no foul play involved in their death. In talking from experience a member of An Garda Siochana attended my mother's remains after she died suddenly with a prepared Statement and I had to make him rectify my mother's first name on it and also had to rectify her age on it before I signed it. He should have arrived at the house and taken a Statement at the person's convenience when the discussion with the Doctor had finished . I highlighted this concern to the Garda Commissioner, Garda Ombudsman, Minister for Justice and the Minister for Health.

The European Court of Human Rights has repeatedly stated that Article 2 of the Convention, which guarantees the Right to Life, imposes an obligation on EU States to carry out a certain type of investigation into certain types of deaths. In simple terms, these are when a person has come by their death in the custody, care or control of the State.

I trust that the matters referred to can be taken into consideration in the final deliverance into the Future of Policing in Ireland.



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