

## **INFORMATION NOTICE – TRIBUNAL OF INQUIRY**

### **1. Introduction**

The Defence Forces Tribunal of Inquiry was established in June 2024 to examine a range of matters pertaining to the effectiveness of the complaints processes within the Defence Forces. There are five phases to its work:

Phase 1: The Investigative Stage

Phase 2: Determining the Evidence

Phase 3: Service of the Evidence

Phase 4: Oral Hearings

Phase 5: Preparation of the Report

The Tribunal is currently in Phase 1 of its work. It is considering the material submitted by individuals to it on foot of its Call for the Submission of Statements and/or Information. It has also conducted interviews with people who have come forward to assist it during Phase 1.

It now intends to contact individuals identified to its legal team during the course of interviews as persons who may have information that is relevant to its inquiry, as this could help it understand what happened and make informed findings.

To assist it in making contact with these individuals, the Tribunal of Inquiry has made Orders for Disclosure in respect of the Chief of Staff and the Minister for Defence to disclose information to it concerning the identity and contact details of these individuals. Where the Defence Forces makes a disclosure of this kind, it will inform the person concerned.

### **2. More Information & Supports**

The Tribunal of Inquiry website ([www.toidf.ie](http://www.toidf.ie)) contains detailed, definitive information on its procedures, FAQs and its contact details.

If you are invited to attend an interview with the Tribunal's legal team during this phase, you can also contact the Defence Forces Liaison and Co-Ordination Office at McKee Barracks, Dublin 7, D07 A065 or by e-mail at [DF\\_LCO@defenceforces.ie](mailto:DF_LCO@defenceforces.ie) for more information.

Any person affected by issues raised by this notice are reminded of the supports available to them provided by the Defence Forces and are encouraged to reach out to the Personnel Support Services ([pss@defenceforces.ie](mailto:pss@defenceforces.ie)) who can provide assistance and other supports such as the INSPIRE Counselling Service (+353 1800 817 33). Details of these, and other valuable support services, can be accessed on the Defence Forces website at the following link (<https://www.military.ie/en/members-area/confidential-contact-person-info/telephone-and-or-online-support-and-counselling-services.html>).

**Defence Forces Liaison & Co-Ordination Office for the External Oversight Body and Tribunal of Inquiry**

**Chief of Staff Division**

**Defence Forces Headquarters**

