SECTION 10 POLICING, SECURITY AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ACT 2024

General Direction No. 4B

The Director of Public Prosecutions, pursuant to powers conferred on her by Section 10(5) of the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024, hereby gives the following direction concerning the institution and conduct of prosecutions by the Garda Siochana.

The Director elects summary disposal without the submission of a Garda file in relation to an offence under section 69(3) of the Civil Registration Act 2004, as amended.

The Garda having carriage of the case should consider forwarding a file to the Director of Public Prosecutions in any case where, although the offence or offences are captured by the above general consent, the multiplicity of the charges or the previous record of the accused or other aggravating circumstances suggest that summary disposal would be inappropriate or that a 12 months sentence (or in the case of more than one offence a 24 month sentence) would be inadequate.

General Direction No 3B (of 8 November 2021) will cease to have effect on 2 April 2025.

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Catherine Pierse Director of Public Prosecutions

2 April 2025

Explanatory note:

This General Direction No 4B replaces General Direction No 3B of 8 November 2021.