# Internal Comms Update 08 Oct 2021



## **Confidential Contact Person Information**

These are not emergency services. For emergencies please call 999 (triple nine).

#### Raiseaconcern (CCP) - (01)6107929 / (086)0299929

Available to serving and former members of the Defence Forces, both female and male, on a confidential basis, to listen to and assist them in documenting their allegations and to provide guidance on follow-on options open to them.

#### Dublin Rape Crisis Centre - 1800 77888

DRCC operates the **National 24-hour Helpline** for those who need support in any part of the country <u>www.drcc.ie</u>

#### **INSPIRE - 1800 409673**

A Freephone confidential helpline is available on a 24/7 basis 365 days a year and is staffed by fully-trained and experienced counsellors.

### The Defence Forces Personnel Support Services (PSS)

Provide a welfare, information, psycho-social support and referral service, that is professional, responsive and confidential, to serving members of the Defence Forces and their families to sustain and enhance the individual wellbeing of personnel, and to promote a safe and positive work culture in order to support the effectiveness of the Defence Forces. See your unit notice board for local PSS contact details.

#### **The Chaplaincy Service**

Provides confidential, comprehensive pastoral support and spiritual care to personnel at home and overseas.

Minister for Foreign Affairs & Defence, Mr Simon Coveney, TD, announced interim support measures for both male and female members of the Defence Forces, past or present, who have been affected by unacceptable behaviour in the workplace such as bullying, harassment, sexual harassment, discrimination or sexual misconduct of any kind. A totally independent organisation, Raiseaconcern, has been appointed as a Confidential Contact Person (CCP)

Raising concerns with the CCP is a preliminary information gathering phase which will inform guidance on follow-on options open to individuals. These options will differ depending on whether the individual involved is a serving or former member of the Defence Forces and on the nature of the allegations. This will allow each individual to make an informed decision in relation to next steps regarding their allegations. The CCP is entirely independent and outside of the Defence Forces Chain





