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6th ANNUAL IRISH CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCIES [ICJA] CONFERENCE

*Sexual Offences: The Challenge of Balancing
Rights in the Criminal Justice System*

DUBLIN CASTLE CONFERENCE CENTRE
Upper Yard, Dublin Castle

Tuesday, 4th June, 2019

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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration / Refreshments (Information display in main room)
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Welcome**
Maura Butler, Chairperson, Association for Criminal Justice Research and Development
- 9.05 - 9.25 **Conference Opening**
Charlie Flanagan TD, Minister for Justice and Equality
- 9.25 - 9.45 **Fidelity to Constitutional Values in the Trial and Punishment of Sex Offences**
Tom O'Malley BL
- 9.45 - 10.05 **Balancing Victims' and Offenders' Rights in Managing Criminal Sanctions**
Vivian Geiran, Director, The Probation Service
- 10.05 - 10.25 **Questions & Answers**
- 10.25 - 11.00 **Coffee Break & Walk to workshop venues**
(Information display in main room)
- 11.00 - 12.00 **Workshop Session** - *Delegates to break into five workshops - see overleaf for details*
- 12.00 - 13.00 **Lunch Break**
- 13.00 - 13.20 **Recent Adjustments to the Adversarial Law of Evidence**
Associate Prof. Liz Heffernan, School of Law, Trinity College Dublin
- 13.20 - 13.40 **Offence Reporting by Victims, Stereotypes and Juries – Accessing Experiences from Experts in the Field**
Noeline Blackwell, CEO, Dublin Rape Crisis Centre
- 13.40 - 14.05 **Questions & Answers**
- 14.05 - 14.10 **Walk to Workshops**
- 14.10 - 15.10 **Workshop Session** - *Delegates to break into four workshops - see overleaf for details*
- 15.10 - 15.15 **Return to Plenary Venue**
- 15.15 - 16.25 **ROUNDTABLE: Reviewing the Balancing of Rights; Insights and Challenges**
The Rt Hon. Sir John Gillen, Tom O'Malley BL and Caroline Biggs SC,
Chair: Claire Loftus, Director of Public Prosecutions
- 16.25 - 16.45 **Conclusions and Closing**
Claire Loftus, Director of Public Prosecutions

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MORNING WORKSHOPS (11.00 - 12.00)

1) Consent in Rape Trials: Turning Laws into Reality

Dr Susan Leahy, School of Law, University of Limerick

2) Media and Social Media - Impact on Investigation and Prosecution of Sexual Offences

Monika Leech BL

3) A Multi-Agency Service for Child Victims of Sexual Abuse

Kate Gillen, Social Work Specialist, Child Care Performance and Social Work Unit, DCYA; Rhonda Turner, Principal Clinical Psychologist, Tusla, National Inter-Agency Prevention Programme (NIAPP); and Detective Inspector Michael Lynch, Garda National Protective Services Unit (GNPSU)

4) Sex Offender Management: Contextualising Policy and Exploring Challenges

Dr Margaret Fitzgerald O'Reilly, School of Law, University of Limerick

5) Courts Service - Service Provision and Future Plans

Tom Ward, Principal Officer, Circuit and District Courts Operations Directorate

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS (14.10 - 15.10)

6) Garda Divisional Protective Services Units

Detective Superintendent Aidan McCarthy, Garda National Protective Services Bureau

7) Restorative Justice and Sexual Offending: Dilemmas and Complexities

Maeve Lewis, Executive Director and Deirdre Kenny, Advocacy Director, One in Four

8) Juveniles who have Sexually Abused and the Realities of "Risk"

Rhonda Turner, Principal Clinical Psychologist, Tusla, National Inter-Agency Prevention Programme (NIAPP)

9) Balancing Rights in Sex Offender Treatment in Prison and in the Community

Sarah Hume, Senior Psychologist, Irish Prison Service and Daragh Bailey, Senior Probation Officer, Sex Offender Risk Assessment and Management (SORAM)