



# **Tribunal of Inquiry into Issues Relating to the Complaints Processes in the Defence Forces and the Culture Surrounding the Making of Complaints (‘Defence Forces Tribunal’)**

Established by the Government under the Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence) Acts 1921 to 2011 by statutory instrument signed by the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.

## **NOTICE OF INTENDED ORDER FOR DISCOVERY**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Defence Forces Tribunal ('the Tribunal') intends to make an Order on a date not before 13 February 2026 requiring the Chief of Staff of the Defence Forces to make discovery, on oath, of a specific category of documents and materials relevant to the Tribunal's Inquiry which are or have been in his possession, power or procurement.

The intended Order for Discovery comprises documents relating to the investigation conducted by the Military Police into the death, on 22 June 1991, of Apprentice Oliver Mullaney at Devoy Barracks, Naas, County Kildare. The term 'documents' includes but is not limited to all statements that were furnished to and/or examined by the Military Police in the course of the aforesaid investigation, and all notes, records of investigations and interviews, reports, determinations, recordings, memoranda and records of written and electronic correspondence and communications of any kind.

The Tribunal considers that in respect of documents falling within the terms of the intended Order for Discovery, it is appropriate, at this time, that the documents be discovered with anonymisation or pseudonymisation of names and other information which might lead to the identification of persons other than that of Apprentice Oliver Mullaney. In this regard, a Discovery Protocol governing anonymisation and

pseudonymisation will apply.

The terms of the intended Order for Discovery, the applicable Discovery Protocol and the Tribunal's Terms of Reference are available on the Tribunal's website [www.toidf.ie](http://www.toidf.ie) and can be provided upon request by email ([info@toidf.ie](mailto:info@toidf.ie)) or by telephone (01-539 1550).

Persons who believe that they may be affected by the terms of the intended Order for Discovery may make submissions, in writing, to the Tribunal by close of business on 10 February 2026.