



## **OUTLINE OF BUSINESS UNITS AND ASSIGNED FUNCTIONS**

### **Business Unit 1: North West, North East & Dublin North Region** (Mary Gilbride, Assistant Chief Inspector)

- Evaluation, advisory and follow-up work in schools, special schools and centres for education in counties Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Louth, Meath, Monaghan, Dublin (Fingal) and Dublin city (North)
- European and international linkages, including EU Commission, EU Directors of Education (in collaboration with LPC)
- Inspectorate involvement in data collection and analysis for OECD-NESLI Eurydice
- Inspectorate involvement in European Schools (including Board of Governors, etc.)

### **Business Unit 2: South East & Dublin South Region** (Declan Cahalane, Assistant Chief Inspector)

- Evaluation, advisory and follow-up work in schools, special schools and centres for education in counties Carlow, Dublin South, Dun-Laoghaire-Rathdown, Kilkenny, East Waterford and Wexford
- Inspectorate Secretariat including liaison with the Department's Human Resources Unit
- Publication of school inspection reports
- Inspectorate office accommodation including liaison with the Department's Accommodation and Services and IT Units

### **Business Unit 3: Midlands & Dublin West Region** (Brian Mac Giolla Phádraig, Assistant Chief Inspector)

- Evaluation, advisory and follow-up work in schools, special schools and centres for education in Dublin (West) and South West, Kildare, Laois, Longford, Offaly and Westmeath
- Evaluation programme for Coláistí Gaeilge
- National coordination of School Improvement Monitoring and involvement in School Improvement Group
- Inspectorate Business Planning
- Clearance of all CPSI reports (until September 2020)

### **Business Unit 4: South Region** (Martin Lally, Assistant Chief Inspector)

- Evaluation, advisory and follow-up work in schools, special schools and centres for education in Cork, Kerry, Limerick County, Tipperary South Riding and West Waterford
- Records Management policies, implementation and monitoring
- Data Protection & Compliance
- Freedom of Information
- Advice Notes for Inspectors

**Business Unit 5: West and Mid-West Region** (Suzanne Conneely, Assistant Chief Inspector)

- Evaluation, advisory and follow-up work in schools, special schools and centres for education in Clare, Galway, Limerick City, Mayo, Sligo, Roscommon, and Tipperary North
- Inspectorate recruitment, induction and professional development
- North-South and East-West cooperation between Inspectorates (Ireland and UK)
- Management of involvement of inspectors in Section 29 process

**Business Unit 6: Evaluation Support and Research Unit** (Pádraig Mac Fhlannchadha, Assistant Chief Inspector)

- Development of inspection and self-evaluation processes for use in schools and other settings
- Evaluation support, including IMIS, BI analysis, inspection planning, national reporting and analysis
- Policy support/cooperation with DES Policy and Research Division
- Cooperation with ERC re data collection, analysis and research
- Monitoring of quality assurance of inspection programme in conjunction with OCI
- Liaison with SICI

**Business Unit 7: Teacher Education and Inclusion Evaluation and Policy Support Unit** (Brendan Doody, Assistant Chief Inspector)

- Evaluation practice and policy in areas of teacher CPD and inclusion initiatives
- Policy support/advice on teacher education including liaison with Teacher Education Section and Inspectorate involvement in Teaching Council
- Inspectorate policy advice/development re Inclusion (including special education, DEIS and other compensatory/inclusion initiatives)
- Inspectorate involvement in NCSE, NEPS, SESS, European Agency for Special Education

**Business Unit 8: Curriculum and Assessment Policy Support Unit** (Orlaith O Connor, Assistant Chief Inspector)

- Policy support/advice re curriculum and assessment at primary and second levels
- Inspectorate involvement in/liaison with NCCA, SEC and NCGE
- Inspectorate support/advice re Literacy and Numeracy Strategy
- Inspectorate involvement in national and international surveys of achievement (TIMSS, PIRLS, PISA, NA, etc.)

**Business Unit 9: Early Years Education** (Maresa Duignan, Assistant Chief Inspector)

- Early Years Education Inspections (EYEIs)
- Policy support/advice re Early Years education
- Inspectorate liaison with Early Years sector including DCYA, TUSLA, Pobal, Better Start
- Inspectorate involvement in speeches for offices of the Minister, Ministers of State, Taoiseach and President