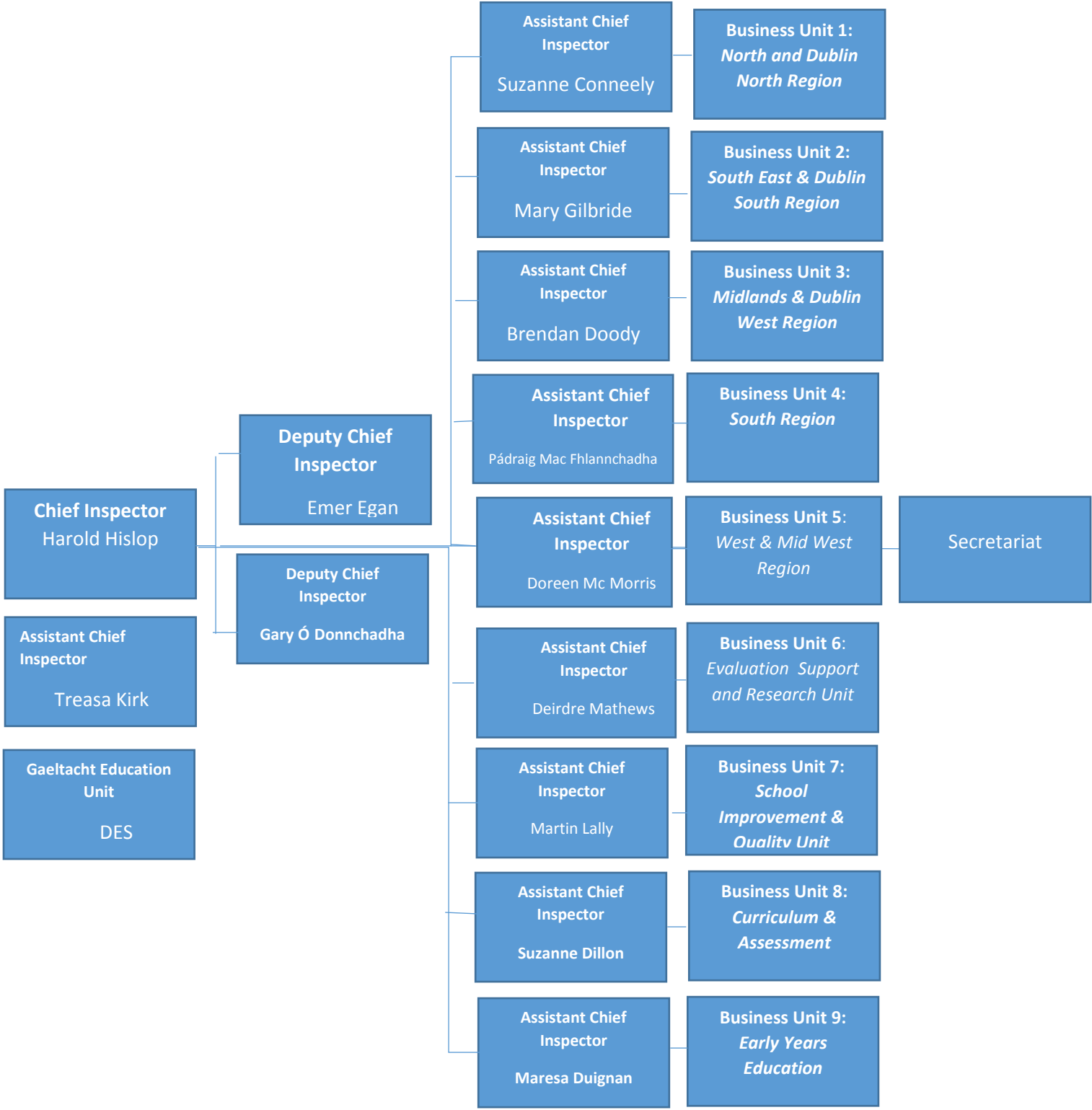


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## **OUTLINE OF BUSINESS UNITS AND ASSIGNED FUNCTIONS**

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

- Evaluation, advisory and follow-up work in schools, special schools and centres for education in Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Louth, Meath, Monaghan, Dublin (Fingal), and Dublin city (North)
- Freedom of Information (FOI) and Data Protection processes
- Inspectorate corporate governance, including Inspectorate business planning and reporting to Office of Secretary General, Reform Office, etc.
- National coordination of School Improvement Monitoring and involvement in School Improvement Group

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

- Evaluation, advisory and follow-up work in schools, special schools and centres for education in Carlow, Dublin South, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, Kilkenny, Waterford, Wexford and Wicklow
- Inspectorate recruitment, induction and professional development
- North-South and East-West cooperation between Inspectorates
- Liaison with Office of the Chief Inspector and the offices of the Minister, Ministers of State and Secretary General re general briefings
- Management of involvement of inspectors in Section 29 process

### **Business Unit 3: Midlands & Dublin West Region** (Brendan Doody, 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
- 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 4: South Region** (Pádraig Mac Fhlannchadha, Assistant Chief Inspector)

- Evaluation, advisory and follow-up work in schools, special schools and centres for education in Cork, Kerry, Limerick County, and Tipperary South Riding
- European and international linkages, including OECD, EU Commission, EU Directors of Education, Eurydice, SICI
- Inspectorate involvement in OECD-NESLI
- Inspectorate involvement in European Schools (including Board of Governors, etc.)

### **Business Unit 5: West and Mid West Region** (Doreen McMorris, 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 Secretariat and publication of school inspection reports
- Inspectorate office accommodation/human resource issues, including liaison with the Department's Human Resources Unit and Accommodation and Services Unit

**Business Unit 6: Evaluation Support and Research Unit** (Deirdre Mathews, Assistant Chief Inspector)

- Development of inspections 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 Data & Knowledge Management Unit and with ERC re data collection, analysis and research
- Quality assurance of the work of the Inspectorate

**Business Unit 7: Teacher Education and Gaeilge Unit** (Martin Lally, Assistant Chief Inspector)

- Policy support/advice on teacher education including liaison with Teacher Education Section
- Probationary inspections including liaison with the Teaching Council and Limerick Education Centre
- Inspectorate involvement in Teaching Council
- Policy support/advice on non-curriculum Irish including liaison with CAP, COGG and DAHG; regarding 20-Year strategy; teacher competence in Irish etc

**Business Unit 8: Literacy, Numeracy, Curriculum & Assessment** (Suzanne Dillon, Assistant Chief Inspector)

- Policy support/advice re Primary Curriculum and Assessment including matters related to the Irish curriculum
- Policy support/advice re Junior Cycle & Senior Cycle Curriculum and Assessment
- 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 Daignan, Assistant Chief Inspector)

- Early Years Education-focussed 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