

Juvenile Justice in Practice

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“The State recognises and affirms the natural and imprescriptible rights of all children and shall, as far as practicable, by its laws protect and vindicate those rights.”

Article 42A.1

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1. Delay

2. Care and Welfare Concerns

3. Interaction between children and An Garda Síochána

Delay

- Prosecutorial Delay
- Summons Procedure
- Forensic Analysis Procedure
- Effects of Delay

Care and Welfare Concerns

- Parental/Family Care
- Care orders and HSE
- Secure/Special Care vs Criminal Detention

Interaction between Children and An Garda Síochána

- Juvenile Diversion Programme
- Case Managers
- Familial/Peer influence

Conclusion

- Efficacy of the current system
- Inevitable overlap of Criminal Justice System and Welfare Concerns