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IMPORTANT

Re: **Garda vetting your members – Legal Requirement from the 29th of April 2016**

To All FAI National Bodies & Provincial Associations

I am writing to you in relation to Garda vetting.

At a meeting in Templemore on the 5th of April 2016, which the FAI attended, organisations are being advised that Garda vetting will be a legal requirement from the 29th of April 2016. As you are aware, Garda vetting has been an FAI Rule for all those working with children and or vulnerable persons (in a paid or voluntary capacity) for a number of years now. Therefore, this legislation simply places existing FAI practices on a statutory footing.

However it is important to advise everyone affiliated to your National Body or Provincial Association that a breach of the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012 to 2016 will be a criminal offence from the 29th of April 2016.

Please note: The Garda Central Vetting Unit will not be accepting any Garda vetting forms from Monday **18th April 2016** to **28th April 2016** inclusive. Could you therefore kindly advise everyone affiliated to your National Body or Provincial Association that no forms should be submitted to the FAI during these dates. Any forms received during this period will be returned. The last date the FAI can receive an existing Garda vetting form is the **14th of April 2016**.

From the **29th of April 2016** a new Garda vetting form will be used and this will be sent to you on this date to circulate to all affiliated to your National Body or Provincial Association.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours Sincerely,

Vincent O'Flaherty
FAI Child Welfare & Safeguarding Manager

Cc: Mr Donal Conway, Chairman, FAI Child Welfare Committee
Mr Paraic Treanor, Chairman, Legal & Corporate Affairs Committee