



Criminal Justice Pathways

Citizens' Assembly on Drug Use

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Organised & Serious Crime

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Our mission is ***“Keeping People Safe”***

Function of An Garda Síochána (Section 7 Garda Síochána Act, 2005)

Preserve peace and public order

Protect life and property

Prevent crime ... by detecting and investigating it

We work closely with our health and criminal justice partners, and other stakeholders to reduce harm and ensure safety (health-led approach)



Primary drugs legislation utilised by

An Garda Síochána



- Section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act
- Section 26 Misuse of Drugs Act



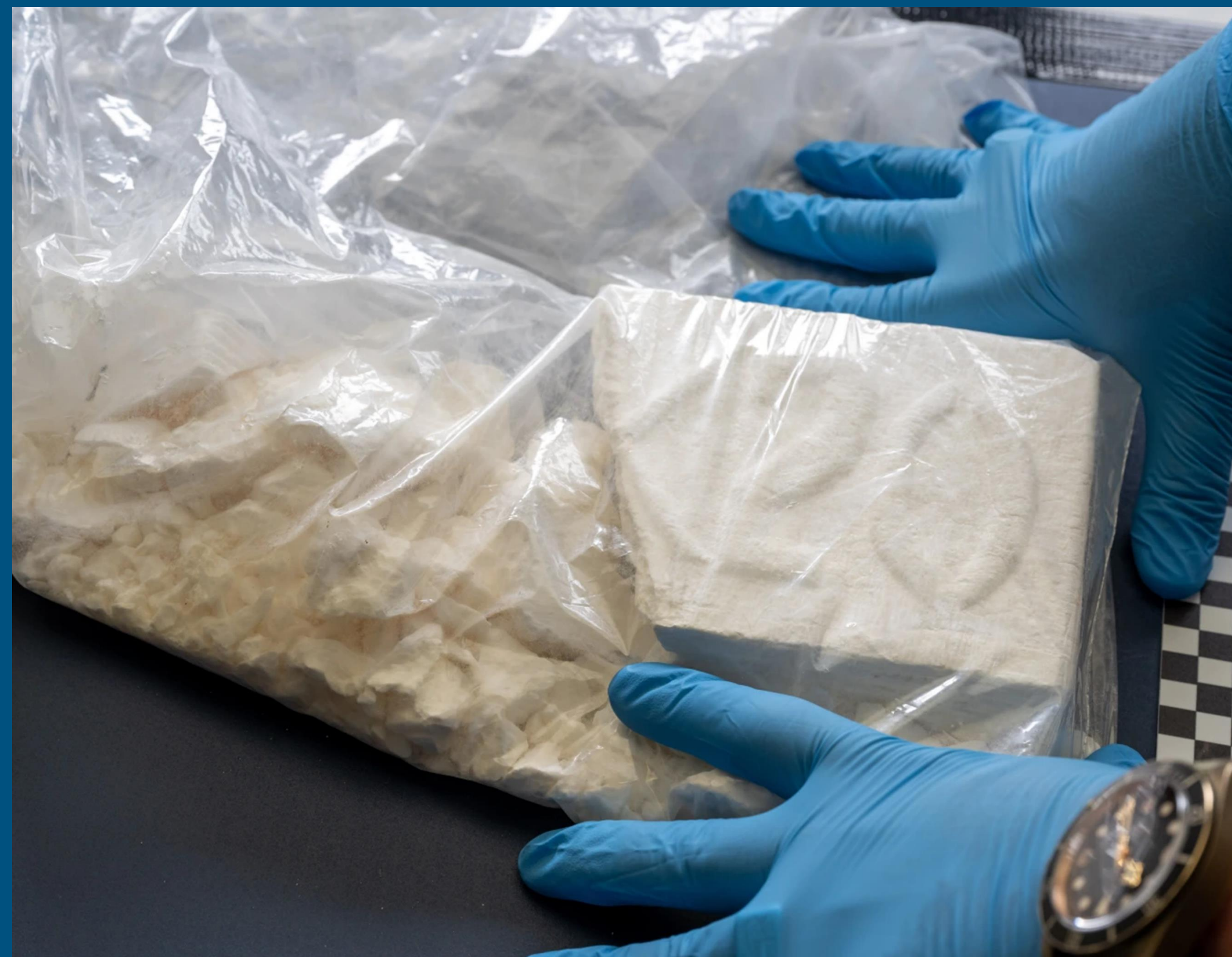


- Section 3 Misuse of Drugs Act (Simple possession)



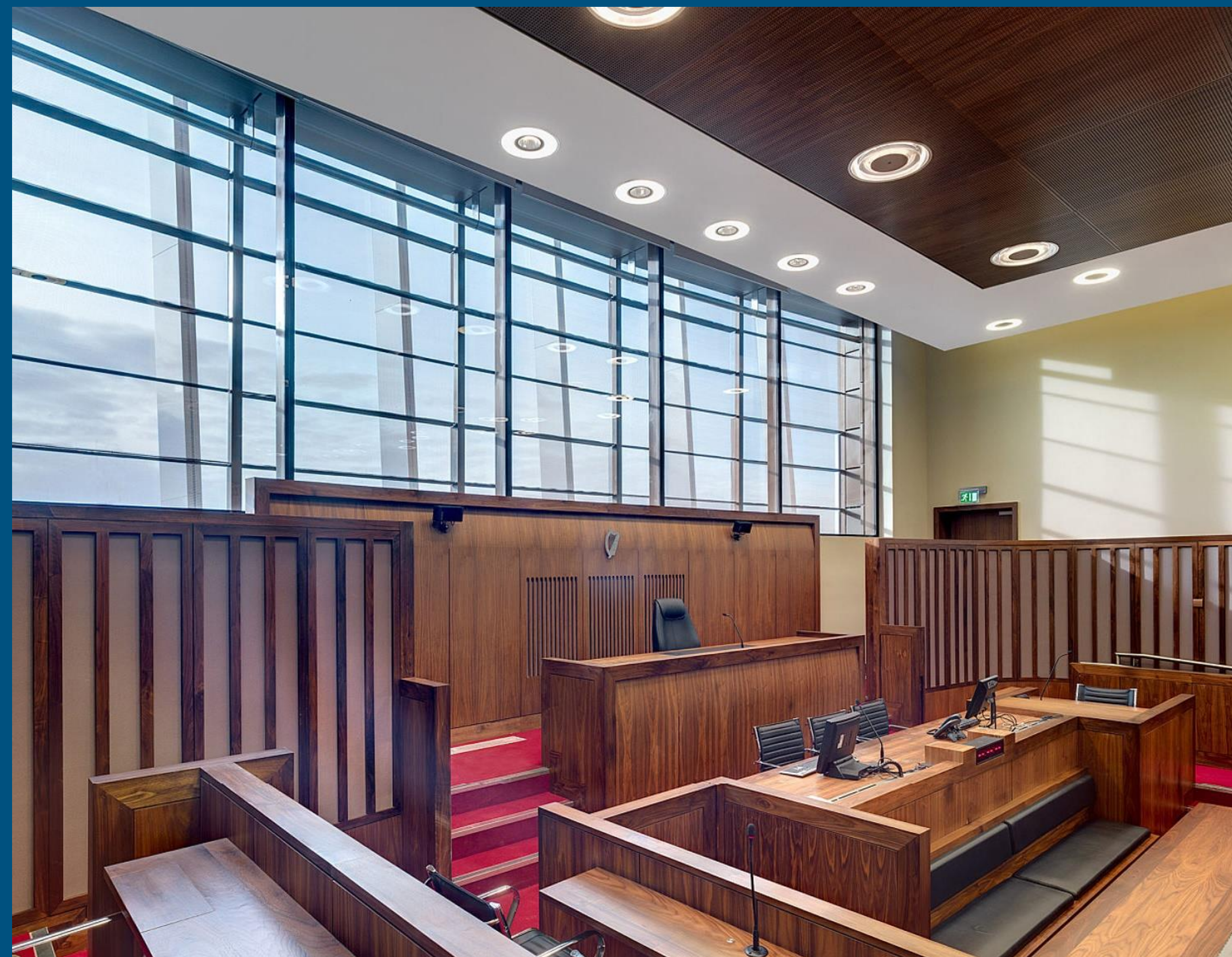


- Section 15 Misuse of Drugs Act
- Section 15A Misuse of Drugs Act





- Possession
- Sale or Supply





An Garda Síochána supports the current health-led approach but has grave concerns around the implications of any potential legalisation of drugs



Thank you for your attention