

27 November 2024

Right to Equality

Via Email to: info@righttoequality.org

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to your email dated 25 November 2024 attaching a letter addressed to the Director of Public Prosecutions, Catherine Pierse, the contents of which have been brought to her attention.

Regarding your concerns about this Office's decision not to prosecute, it would not be appropriate for me to comment on a particular case. I would draw your attention to the factors that have to be considered in any decision whether or not to prosecute, detailed in [chapter 4](#) of our Guidelines for Prosecutors. The Guidelines also contain a Code of Ethics which make clear that prosecutors must act impartially in all cases, regardless of the position of any of the parties.

Your proposal that this Office commission an independent review of the DPP's Guidelines for Prosecutors and their application in sexual offence cases is also noted.

Yours sincerely,



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