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AHBRA appoints inspectors to conduct an investigation of Cluainín VHA (AHB-02838)

The Approved Housing Bodies Regulatory Authority (AHBRA) is Ireland's independent statutory regulator of Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs). Under the Housing (Regulation of Approved Housing Bodies) Act 2019, AHBRA is responsible for regulating AHBs and promoting public confidence in the sector.

As part of its statutory functions, AHBRA has powers to investigate matters relating to governance and the financial management of Approved Housing Bodies where concerns arise regarding compliance with the Act.

AHBRA has appointed independent inspectors pursuant to Section 46 of the Housing (Regulation of Approved Housing Bodies) Act 2019 to undertake a statutory investigation into the affairs of Cluainín Voluntary Housing Association CLG. The appointment of inspectors is a statutory step taken where AHBRA considers that an independent investigation is necessary to establish relevant facts.

The decision to appoint inspectors follows an extended period of regulatory engagement between AHBRA and Cluainín Voluntary Housing Association CLG, during which AHBRA utilised a range of supervisory and regulatory measures available under the Act. Having considered information obtained through these engagements, together with information arising from its ongoing regulatory oversight, AHBRA determined that a statutory investigation was warranted.

The commencement of a statutory investigation does not imply any finding of non-compliance or wrongdoing. Its purpose is to establish the relevant facts and enable an independent assessment of the matters under investigation.

The inspectors will conduct the investigation independently and in accordance with the requirements of the Act. The investigation will be conducted impartially and consistent with the principles of procedural fairness.

AHBRA may publish information regarding the outcome of the investigation where appropriate and in accordance with its statutory obligations following the conclusion of the process.

As this matter is now subject to a statutory investigation, it would not be appropriate for AHBRA to comment further while the process is ongoing.

Further information regarding AHBRA's statutory investigation process is available in the 'AHBRA Investigations Frequently asked Questions' on [ahbregulator.ie](https://www.ahbregulator.ie)