

WOMAN CHARGED WITH FRAUDLENT TRADING AND MONEY LAUNDERING OFFENCES IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORMER CHARITY CONSOLE

Arising from an investigation conducted by the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement ("ODCE") into the former charity Console¹, the Director of Public Prosecutions has directed that a woman be charged with a number of serious offences.

Following the DPP's directions, Mrs. Patricia Kelly, with an address in Kildare, was arrested this afternoon and brought before Dublin District Court. At this afternoon's hearing, a detective attached to the ODCE informed the Court that, at the DPP's direction, Mrs. Kelly has been charged with:

- 1 count of Fraudulent Trading contrary to section 297 of the Companies Act 1963²;
- 1 count of Fraudulent Trading contrary to section 722 of the Companies Act 2014; and
- 1 count of Money Laundering contrary to sections 7(1)(a)(ii), 7(1)(b) and 7(3) of the Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) Act 2010.

The Court was further informed that the DPP has directed that the accused be sent forward to the Dublin Circuit Court for trial on indictment.

Judge Blake remanded the accused on bail to appear again on 17 April, 2020 for service of the book of evidence.

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¹ Console Suicide Bereavement Counselling Company Limited by Guarantee (in liquidation) (company number: 431245

² As substituted by section 137 of the Companies Act 1990