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Policing Board duty bound to examine what went wrong with Omagh Investigations

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Sinn Féin Policing Board member, Alex Maskey MLA speaking ahead of the monthly meeting has said that the challenge is for the Policing Board to carry out its legal duty and examine what went wrong with the Omagh Investigations and the conduct of the police including serving PSNI officers.

Speaking ahead of tomorrow's meeting Mr Maskey said:

"The Policing Board will be meeting to consider the terms of the review into the police investigations of the Omagh atrocity. The damning report of Nuala O'Loan and judgement of Justice Weir and the understandable anger of the Omagh families require the Board to demonstrate its sensitivity towards the families.

"Sinn Fein fully supports the families' right to call for a full cross-border independent inquiry while the Policing Board has its' clear and legal obligation to scrutinise the police handling of the investigations.

"The challenge for the credibility of the Policing Board is to hold the PSNI fully to account for what went wrong including any wrongdoing at no matter what level within the PSNI. And to take whatever measures may be necessary to root out such wrongdoing or wrongdoers.

"We recognise that the board has a major responsibility in carrying out our duty in holding the PSNI to account in the interests of justice for the Omagh families and wider public confidence in the ability and determination of the PSNI themselves to carry out their duty in a fair and effective manner." ENDS

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