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## Policing Board boss promise spotlight on McGurk's Bar

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## By Aine McEntee

The Policing Board has confirmed it has received a letter from victims of the McGurk's bar atrocity highlighting delays in a probe led by the Historical Enquiries Team (HET). Alex McLaughlin who lost his father in the 1971 massacre said Chairman Des Rea promised him that their case would be brought to the attention of the Chief Constable Hugh Orde and the full panel of board members.

"All I want is Hugh Orde to answer my criticisms of the HET," he said.

"I'm getting my family's hopes built up time and time again and then I've to let them down each and every time," he said

"At the start they (HET) said they could answer my five questions within 16 weeks. That was a long time ago and there's still no sign of this report," he said.

A Policing Board spokeswoman said: "We have received a letter from Alex McLaughlin which the Chairman will consider."

The next public and private meetings of the Policing Board take place on September 6. It's understood that McGurk's will be discussed during their October 4 meeting.

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