

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000133-2021 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 31st March, 2021 and received on 1st April, 2021 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by An Garda Síochána.

Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act states that An Garda Síochána is listed as a partially included agency "*insofar as it relates to administrative records relating to human resources, or finance or procurement matters*". Therefore, only administrative records that relate to human resources, finance or procurement shall be considered.

Your request sought:

Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following:

- *a record detailing the number of gardaí currently suspended broken down by the length they have been suspended for e.g. 0-2 years, 2-4 years, 4-6 years, 6-8 years, 8-10 years, 10 years +*
- *a record detailing the number of gardaí that have been sacked/dismissed in each of the following years 2018, 2019, 2020.*
- *a record detailing the number of probationer gardaí who have not been deemed suitable for attestation to full membership of AGS in each of the following years 2018, 2019, 2020.*

I would prefer to receive this information electronically, ideally in its original electronic format.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 23rd April 2021.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision.

Upon receipt of your request, the relevant sections of An Garda Síochána were contacted to retrieve the information requested by you and a number of records have been identified.

Part 1 of your request is seeking *a record detailing the number of gardai currently suspended broken down by the length they have been suspended for.*

Table A below sets out the number of suspensions of Garda and the duration.

Table A: - Number of Members Suspended – Duration

The numbers who are currently suspended 10 years and over	Nil
The numbers who are currently suspended 8 - 10 years	1
The numbers who are currently suspended 6 - 8 years	1
The numbers who are currently suspended 4 - 6 years	2
The numbers who are currently suspended 2 - 4 years	15
The numbers who are currently suspended 2 years and less	52

These figures are correct as of 1st April 2021.

Parts 2 and 3 of your request are seeking *“a record detailing the number of gardai that have been sacked/dismissed in each of the following years 2018, 2019, 2020”* and *a record detailing the number of probationer gardai who have not been deemed suitable for attestation to full membership of AGS in each of the following years 2018, 2019, 2020.*

In 2018 2 Members were dismissed, in 2019 12 Members were dismissed and in 2020 3 Members were dismissed. These figures are inclusive of 4 probationer Gardai dismissed in 2019 and 3 probationer Gardai dismissed in 2020.

2. Right of Appeal

In the event that you are not happy with this decision you may seek an Internal Review of the matter by writing to the address below and quoting reference number **FOI-000133-2021**.

Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Johnstown, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 ND62.

Please note that a fee applies. This fee has been set at €30 (€10 for a Medical Card holder). Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque, and made payable to Accountant, Garda Finance Directorate, Garda Headquarters, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8.

Payment can be made by electronic means, using the following details:

Account Name: An Garda Síochána Imprest Account

Account Number: 30000302

Sort Code: 951599

IBAN: IE28DABA95159930000302

BIC: DABAIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000133-2021 is included in the payment details.

You should submit your request for an Internal Review within 4 weeks from the date of this notification. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of An Garda Síochána and the decision will be communicated to you within 3 weeks. The making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances.

Please be advised that An Garda Síochána replies under Freedom of Information may be released in to the public domain via our website at www.garda.ie.

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OFFICER

PAUL BASSETT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

23rd APRIL, 2021.