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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000242-2020 Request Part Granted

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 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:

*Materials showing what events were policed by gardai in Cork West, Cork North and Cork City to date this year, and the cost that will be recouped in relation to these events? Also, is it possible to establish how many events which were to be policed by gardai in Cork West, Cork North and Cork city to date this year which have been cancelled because of Covid-19?*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part grant your request on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

### 1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

On receipt, your request was forwarded to the Finance Section of An Garda Síochána. The records provided have been abstracted from the Financial Management Services system, which identifies the various organisations and amount of money charged and received by An Garda Síochána for the policing services at specific events. As per your request, the table below

provides the name, location, date and amount billed for events that took place to date in Cork West, Cork North and Cork City.

Name	Location	Date	Amount Due
Cork GAA	Pairc Ui Chaoimh	25/01/2020	€630.00
Munster GAA	Pairc Ui Rinn	25/01/2020	€1,080.00
Cork GAA	Pairc Ui Chaoimh	01/02/2020	€7,188.75
Cork GAA	Pairc Ui Chaoimh	09 & 23/02/2020	€8,741.00

As regards to the second part of your request where you sought “*is it possible to establish how many events which were to be policed by gardai in Cork West, Cork North and Cork city to date this year which have been cancelled because of Covid-19*”. We have been advised that that there is no recording mechanism used by An Garda Síochána that would hold records of events that were cancelled due to COVID 19. Therefore, I am refusing this part of your request in accordance with Section 15 (1)(a) of the FOI Act as the records does not exist.

**Section 15 (1)(a) of the FOI Act States;**

*15(1)(a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken*

Non-public duty is performed by members of An Garda Síochána under arrangements made with organisers of events such as football matches, concerts and race meetings, etc. who seek to engage the services of members of An Garda Síochána to perform duties to which they would not normally be assigned.

Members of An Garda Síochána have been made available for the performance of such duties and the State has charged for their services. This work is normally performed by members who would otherwise be off duty. It is generally the practice to charge organisations for the costs of duties performed by members inside the event.

In general, the cost of policing duties performed by Gardaí outside the event such as traffic control, beat patrols and other public policing duties, which would be additional to those normally, performed at the location, are not paid by the organisation hosting the event but fall to be paid from the Garda Vote. However, at some specific larger events An Garda Síochána seeks a contribution from the promoters to overall policing costs. In this regard, I advise that the level of contribution to be made to An Garda Síochána is agreed by the local District Officer with the organisers, taking into account the nature and size of the event.

At all times, it is the policy of An Garda Síochána that the safety of the public must be the ultimate concern.

**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-000242-2020**.

**Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, 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:** Garda Síochána Finance Section Public Bank Account

**Account Number:** 10026896

**Sort Code:** 900017

**IBAN:** IE86BOFI90001710026896

**BIC:** BOFIE2D

**You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000242-2020 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](http://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

PAUL BASSETT

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JULY, 2020.