

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000277-2020 *Request Part-Granted*

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 13th August, 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:

Can you tell me the following details under the Freedom of Information Act 2014

- 1) The number of Garda mountain bikes that were purchased in the years 2017, 2018, 2019 and to-date in 2020 in tabular form*
- 2) The amount An Garda Síochána spent on purchasing those mountain bikes in the years 2017, 2018, 2019 and to-date in 2020 in tabular form*
- 3) The number of Garda mountain bikes withdrawn from the fleet in the years 2017, 2018, 2019 and to-date in 2020 in tabular form*
- 4) The number of Garda mountain bikes that were allocated to each Garda Division in the years of 2017, 2018, 2019 and to-date in 2020 in tabular form*
- 5) The name of the company that currently has the contract to supply mountain bikes to An Garda Síochána; when is the current contract due to expire*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on 9th September 2020.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt, your request was forwarded to the relevant sections of An Garda Síochána where a search was conducted in respect of same. A number of records were identified by Procurement Section, Garda Headquarters.

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I can advise that thirty (30) mountain bikes were purchased by An Garda Síochána in 2018 at a cost of €33,173. No mountain bikes were purchased in 2017, 2019 or to date in 2020.

The number of bikes allocated per Garda Division since 2015 is outlined below:

<u>Division</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>No of Bikes Allocated</u>
Wexford	New Ross	2
Cork City	Anglesea Street	2
Meath	Trim	1
Wicklow	Bray	1
	Wicklow Town	1
	Baltinglass	1
Westmeath	Mullingar	1
	Athlone	1
Kildare	Kildare Town	2
Laois/Offaly	Portlaoise	1
	Tullamore	1
Carlow/Kilkenny	Carlow	3
	Kilkenny	1
	Thomastown	2
Kerry	Listowel	1
	Killarney	1
	Tralee	3
Mayo	Ballina	1
	Westport	4
Roscommon/Longford	Roscommon	2
	Castlerea	1
	Longford	2
Galway	Galway	5
	Loughrea	3
	Tuam	1
	Ballinasloe	1
	Clifden	1
Clare	Kilrush	1
Cavan/Monaghan	Carrickmacross	1
Sligo/Leitrim	Carrick on Shannon	1

Donegal	Buncrana	1
	Ballyshannon	1
	Letterkenny	1
	Milford	2
Louth	Ardee	1
	Drogheda	1
Limerick	Henry Street	3
DMR North	Ballymun	1
	Coolock	4
	Raheny	4
	Swords	1
	Balbriggan	4
DMR North Central	Store Street	23
	Bridewell	1
	Mountjoy	1
DMR South	Tallaght	1
	Terenure	1
DMR South Central	Kevin Street	2
	Pearse Street	8
	Donnybrook	1
DMR West	Blanchardstown	4
	Clondalkin	1
DMR East	Dun Laoghaire	1
	Blackrock	1

The contract for supply of mountain bikes to An Garda Síochána is held at present by Richies Bike Store. I am advised that a new tender for the supply of mountain bikes is currently being prepared for publication.

In respect of part 3 of your request seeking “*The number of Garda mountain bikes withdrawn from the fleet in the years 2017, 2018, 2019 and to-date in 2020 in tabular form*” I am advised that a record in this regard does not exist. Therefore I am refusing this aspect of your request and do so under Section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act.

Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests

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

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-000277-2020**.

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-000277-2020 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

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
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

9th SEPTEMBER 2020.