

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000278-2022 Request Granted

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 and further clarified on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2022 received on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2022 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:

*a record/database/spreadsheet of the number of days lost to illness by garda staff in both 2020 and 2021 in the following categories: flu/viral, mental health, musculoskeletal, not provided, other-please specify, post pregnancy, pregnancy related, surgery/post op, injury on duty: accident, injury on duty: RTA, malicious injury off duty, malicious injury on duty, occupational illness arising from duty, critical illness.  
a record/database/spreadsheet of the number of days lost to illness by garda staff in total for each of 2020 and 2021.*

*Clarified Request:*

*This office seeks clarification on the records you are seeking. Can you please advise if the records sought are for Garda Staff or Garda Members.*

*Ideally, I would like both if it's possible to disaggregate them from each other.  
If only one were possible, it would be members I would be interested in primarily.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to **grant** your request on the 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

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

Upon receipt your request was forwarded to the relevant sections of An Garda Síochána who have provided records to this Office in response to your request. I have been advised that Sickness absences are recorded and reported under the following categories – Critical Illness, Occupational Injury/Illness Arising from Duty and Ordinary Illness.

<b>Number of days lost due to illness by Garda Members in 2020</b>	
<b>Critical Illness Category</b>	
Critical Illness	12,142.5
<b>Occupational Injury/Illness arising from Duty Category</b>	
Not Specified	447.5
Injury on Duty: Accident	33,338.0
Injury on Duty: RTA	6,155.0
Malicious Injury off Duty	144.5
Malicious Injury on Duty	16,100.0
Musculoskeletal	1,064.0
Occupational Illness arising from Duty	4,210.5
Other Illness	416.0
Surgery/Post Op	272.0
<b>Ordinary Illness Category</b>	
Not specified	3,333.5
Flu/Viral	41,148.5
Mental Health	5,940.0
Musculoskeletal	13,004.0
Not Provided	12,963.0
Other	22,513.5
Post-Pregnancy	813.0
Pregnancy Related	6,081.0
Surgery/Post Op	9,161.5

<b>Number of days lost due to illness by Garda Staff in 2020</b>	
<b>Critical Illness Category</b>	
Not Specified	31.31
Critical Illness	2,873.29
<b>Occupational Injury/Illness arising from Duty Category</b>	
Injury on Duty: Accident	280.67
Occupational Illness arising from Duty	20.87
<b>Ordinary Illness Category</b>	
Not specified	788.04
Flu/Viral	8,034.77
Mental Health	1,637.25
Musculoskeletal	1,619.62
Not Provided	2,519.21



Other	5,036.98
Other Illness	263.40
Post-Pregnancy	379.27
Pregnancy Related	1,151.11
Surgery/Post Op	2,650.91

<b>Number of days lost due to illness by Garda Members in 2021</b>	
<b>Critical Illness Category</b>	
Critical Illness	15,848.5
<b>Occupational Injury/Illness arising from Duty Category</b>	
Not Specified	638.0
Injury on Duty: Accident	41,281.0
Injury on Duty: RTA	5,747.0
Malicious Injury off Duty	121.5
Malicious Injury on Duty	17,086.0
Musculoskeletal	455.0
Occupational Illness arising from Duty	6,098.5
Other Illness	334.0
<b>Ordinary Illness Category</b>	
Not specified	3,748.0
Flu/Viral	38,074.0
Mental Health	5,236.5
Musculoskeletal	12,071.0
Not Provided	16,422.0
Other	25,424.0
Post-Pregnancy	505.0
Pregnancy Related	4827.5
Surgery/Post Op	10,387.0

<b>Number of days lost due to illness by Garda Staff in 2021</b>	
<b>Critical Illness Category</b>	
Critical Illness	6,259.56
<b>Occupational Injury/Illness arising from Duty Category</b>	
Injury on Duty: Accident	272.06
<b>Ordinary Illness Category</b>	
Not specified	1,093.34
Flu/Viral	7,593.60
Mental Health	1,761.09
Musculoskeletal	1,350.82
Not Provided	2,696.53
Other	5,904.35
Other Illness	266.22
Post-Pregnancy	532.45
Pregnancy Related	795.03
Surgery/Post Op	1,432.14

## 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-000278-2022**.

***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-000278-2022) 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 me by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**PAUL BASSETT**

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

18 AUGUST, 2022.