

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000145-2020 Request Granted

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 and received on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 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:

*The amount paid to individuals/firms last year for media training and PR services and the number of gardai to receive media training last year and their rank*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2020.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

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

Upon receipt, details of your request were forwarded to the relevant sections of An Garda Síochána who conducted a search for records containing the information you have requested.

The table below details the breakdown of the amount paid last year for media training and PR Services.

<b>Communications Clinic 2019</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Persons</b>	<b>Amount</b>
31/3/19	7 – Media Skills	2,450.00
30/5/19	6 – Media Skills	2,100.00
31/1/19	7 – Communications Training	2,100.00
31/8/19	2 – Communications Training	800.00
30/11/19	7 – Communications Training	2,450.00
31/12/19	7 – Communications Training	2,100.00
	<b>Total spent in 2019</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>

This office has been advised that 36 members received Media Skills and Communication Training in 2019. The ranks were Superintendent or Inspectors on the Superintendents Promotion list. There was one exception – a Chief Superintendent who was transferred to another position.

## **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-000145-2020**.

***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:** 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-000145-2020) 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 me by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,

  
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**MARIA BRODIGAN**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

12<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2020.