

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000270-2021 Request Part-Grant

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 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:

*I was wondering if you could tell me the following details under the Freedom of information Act 2014*

- 1) The total amount that An Garda Síochána has spent on external veterinary services for the animals in both the Garda Mounted Unit and the Garda Dog Unit in the years of 2019, 2020 and to-date in 2021 in tabular form*
- 2) The amount An Garda Síochána have paid each external vets for external veterinary services for either Garda Mounted Unit or Garda Dog Unit in each of the years in question in tabular form*
- 3) When the current contract to provide external veterinary services to the Garda Mounted Unit and Garda Dog Unit will expire*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

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

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

In relation to parts 1 and 2 of your request, please find table below which sets out the records you sought.

<b>Garda Mounted Unit</b>			
<b>Veterinary Service</b>	<b>Year</b>		
Lisadell Equine Hospital	€9,706	€10,990	€12,182
Troytown Equine Hospital	€215		
UCD Veterinary Hospital	€390	€740	€1,030
Mark Durning	€1,690	€1,050	
	<b>€12,001</b>	<b>€12,780</b>	<b>€13,212</b>

<b>Garda Dog Unit</b>			
<b>Veterinary Service</b>	<b>Year</b>		
Pet Emergency Hospital	€170	€193	
Fairview Vet Hospital		€185	
All Pets Veterinary Hospital	€110		
Carey & Keane Village Vets	€5,633	€6,257	€2,425
Maynooth Vet Clinic	€2,843	€3,586	€1,210
Nutgrove Veterinary Clinic	€1,886	€1,008	€2,179
Rathgeal Veterinary Clinic	€1,167		
Castle Veterinary Clinic	€440	€1,371	€202
Veterinary Specialists Ireland		€150	€1,107
Veterinary Clinic Ratoath	€135	€113	€198
Barrack Gate Vets	€120		
Troytown Greyabbey Vet Service	€426	€814	€247
UCD Veterinary Hospital		€1,511	€1,879
Westgate Vet Hospital			€471
Woofys Kennels			€150
	<b>€12,930</b>	<b>€15,188</b>	<b>€10,068</b>

There are currently no contracts in place for vet services in GDU or GMU. I am therefore refusing part 3 of your request in accordance with Section 15 1(a) of the FOI Act which states:

*15. (1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where*

*(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-000270-2021**.

**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:** An Garda Síochána Imprest Account

**Account Number:** 30000302

**Sort Code:** 951599

**IBAN:** IE28DABA95159930000302

**BIC:** DABAIE2D

**You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000270-2021 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](http://www.garda.ie)

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

Should you wish to discuss the above, please contact the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021.