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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000309-2020 Request Part Grant

Dear .

I refer to your request, dated and received on 4th September, 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:

- 1. Under the FOI Act 2014, I would like to request information on how many Gardai in the Donegal Division were injured as a result of assaults between January 1, 2020 and September 4, 2020.*
- 2. I would also like to request how many were injured in this Division throughout 2019 for comparison.*
- 3. I would also to know how many Gardai in the Donegal District were forced off work as a result of assaults in 2019 and so far in 2020 and the injuries or medical treatment they received.*
- 4. I also request the length of time gardai in the Donegal Division were on sick leave due to an injury over this period.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part grant your request on the 1st October, 2020. I have numbered your request for ease of reference.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Details of your request were provided to the Health and Safety Section of An Garda Síochána to identify records containing the information you have requested.

The table below details the number of Gardai in the Donegal Division injured as result of an assault for the requested years.

Number of Gardai Injured as a result of an Assault					
Absence	0 days (non-reportable)	21 days/Less than 1 Month	One Month/Less than 3 Month	1-3 Days (non-reportable)	
	Bruising Grazing/Bites	Sprain/Strain	Dislocation	Other	Total
2019	7	0	0	0	7
2020	0	1	1	1	3

*Stats as of 18/09/2020

I am refusing the part of your request were you seek “the injuries or medical treatment they received” in accordance with Section 15(1) (a) as the record do not exist in the format requested.

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

An Garda Síochána is very mindful to the significant occupational demands placed on its members and the exposure to very stressful and traumatic situations. Critical support is provided by the Chief Medical Officer, the Employee Assistance Service, the Peer Support Network and counselling services.

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-000309-2019**.

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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-000309-2019 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

15th **OCTOBER, 2020.**