

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000316-2020 Request Part Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 14th 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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I would like to request:

The number of physical assaults/attacks that have taken place on gardai in (i) 2018, (ii) 2019 and (iii) so far in 2020, with a breakdown by the type of injuries sustained by the officers in each of the attacks, and the amount of days missed as a result. I would also like the stats broken down by Garda division.

I have now made a decision to part grant your request on 13th October, 2020.

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. Records have been located in respect of your request.

Please find attached tables that details the number of Assaults on Gardaí broken down by Division and the types of injuries sustained for the years requested. Please note I am providing 2018 & 2019 as the figures have changed since your request FOI-000007-2020. The figures are liable to change due to late notifications and sometimes significantly later than when the incident occurred.

Your request also sought records on “*the amount of days missed as a result*”. I wish to advise that I am refusing this part of your request as this office has been advised that these records are not held centrally and in order to obtain the records it would require a manual trawl through each individual file. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under Section 15(1)(c) of the FOI Act which states:

Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests

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

(c) in the opinion of the head, granting the request would, by reason of the number or nature of the records concerned or the nature of the information concerned, require the retrieval and examination of such number of records or an examination of such kind of the records concerned as to cause a substantial and unreasonable interference with or disruption of work (including disruption of work in a particular functional area) of the FOI body concerned,

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-000316-2020**.

Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Johnstown, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 DR90.

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 your FOI reference number FOI-000316-2020 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 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


OCTOBER, 2020.

Number of occupational injuries recorded as the result of an Assault on Gardaí for 2020 (as of 23/09/20)
by Division/Injury type

	Bruising/Grazes/Bites	Closed Fracture	Dislocation	Infection	Open Wounds	Other	Serious Multiple Injuries	Sprain/Strain	Total
CAVAN / MONAGHAN	3				1			2	6
CLARE	2							1	3
CORK CITY	1					2		1	4
CORK WEST	1			1				2	4
D.M.R. EAST	3	1			1				5
D.M.R. NORTH	3	1				2		1	7
D.M.R. NORTH CENTRAL	1					2		3	6
D.M.R. SOUTH	1	1				2			4
D.M.R. SOUTH CENTRAL	2				1				3
D.M.R. WEST	1				1			1	3
DONEGAL			1			1		1	3
GALWAY						3		4	7
GARDA COLLEGE & RESEARCH	2								2
KERRY		1							1
KILDARE	2								2
KILKENNY/CARLOW	2								2
LAGIS / OFFALY	9								9
LIMERICK	2				1	1			4
LOUTH	1			1					2
MAYO	2								2
MEATH	1							1	2
ROSCOMMON / LONGFORD	2					1	1		4
SLIGO / LEITRIM						1			1
TIPPERARY	2							1	3
WATERFORD	8		1		2	7		4	22
WESTMEATH			1					2	4
WEXFORD	2					1		2	5
WICKLOW	1							2	3
Total	54	4	3	2	8	23	1	28	123

Number of occupational injuries recorded as the result of an Assault on Gardaí for 2019

by Division/Injury type

	Bruising/ Grazes/ Bites	Closed Fracture	Dislocation	Internal Head Injuries	Internal Injuries (excluding the head)	Open Fracture (i.e. bone exposed)	Open Wounds	Other	Serious Multiple Injuries	Sprain/ Strain	Total
CAVAN / MONAGHAN	3	1				1	1			3	9
CLARE	1									1	2
CORK CITY	4		1					4		3	12
CORK NORTH	4	1					1	1		1	8
CORK WEST	3						1	2		4	10
D.M.R. EAST	1							1			2
D.M.R. NORTH	8	1					1	1		4	15
D.M.R. NORTH CENTRAL	10									3	13
D.M.R. SOUTH	7	1	1					1		1	11
D.M.R. SOUTH CENTRAL	10	5					2	1		2	20
D.M.R. WEST	5	1					3		1	3	13
DONEGAL	7										7
GALWAY	10							1		1	12
IMMIGRATION BUREAU										1	1
KERRY	19							6			25
KILDARE	2			1				1			4
KILKENNY/CARLOW	3							2			5
LAOIS / OFFALY	2	1	2			1	1			5	12
LIMERICK	8						1	1		1	11
LOUTH	4	2								1	7
MAYO	3							1		1	5
MEATH	3	1								1	5
ROSCOMMON / LONGFORD	11									4	15
SLIGO / LEITRIM	2				1						3
TIPPERARY	3	1						3		1	8
TRAFFIC DIVISION (DMR)	1										1
WATERFORD	8	2	1				1	4			16
WESTMEATH	1									1	2
WEXFORD	3							1		4	8
WICKLOW	1		1					1			3
Total	147	17	6	1	1	2	12	32	1	46	265

Number of occupational injuries recorded as the result of an Assault on Gardai for 2018

by Division/Injury type

	Bruising/ Grazes/ Bites	Closed Fracture	Dislocation	Infection	Internal Head Injuries	Internal Injuries (excluding the head)	Open Wounds	Other	Serious Multiple Injuries	Sprain/ Strain	Total
CAVAN / MONAGHAN	4	3						4		1	12
CLARE	2	1						1			4
CORK CITY	2	1						2		4	9
CORK NORTH		1									1
CORK WEST										2	2
D.M.R. EAST	3	1					1		1		6
D.M.R. NORTH	2							3		3	8
D.M.R. NORTH CENTRAL	2							3		1	6
D.M.R. SOUTH	3					1	1	1		1	7
D.M.R. SOUTH CENTRAL					1		2	2		1	6
D.M.R. WEST	4	2						2		2	10
DONEGAL	8						1	1			10
GALWAY	4	2	1				1	1	1	2	12
IMMIGRATION BUREAU								1			1
KERRY	17	1	1	2				1		2	24
KILDARE		1								1	2
KILKENNY/CARLOW	1										1
LAOIS / OFFALY	5							1		2	8
LIMERICK	1									1	2
LOUTH	1							3		2	6
MAYO	4										4
MEATH	4	1						2		5	12
ROSCOMMON / LONGFORD		1	1							1	3
S.D.U.											1
SLIGO / LEITRIM							1	2		2	5
TIPPERARY	14	3		1			1	5		5	29
TRAFFIC DIVISION (DMR)	1										1
WATERFORD	12						2	4		1	19
WESTMEATH	1									2	3
WEXFORD	3		1				1			3	8
WICKLOW										1	1
Total	98	18	4	3	1	1	11	40	2	45	223