

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000443-2022 Request Granted

*Dear*

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

*Can you please provide me with the:*

- 1. The number of Garda Officers awarded the 1916-2016 Rising Centenary Medal; and*
- 2. The number of staff awarded same (if any) or an alternative coin etc and finally;*
- 3. What was the qualification criterion for issuing this medal to this number of staff and or officers.*
- 4. Can you confirm the number of other staff (retired or non Garda personnel) who were issued with this medal or staff coin.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2023. The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

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

Upon receipt, your request was forwarded to the relevant Sections of An Garda Síochána where searches were undertaken. On foot of these searches I can advise that a 1916 Commemorative

medal was awarded to all members of An Garda Síochána and a 1916 Commemorative coin was awarded to all members of Garda Staff . The qualification criteria for the medal and coin was that the Garda member or Garda Staff member was serving as of 27<sup>th</sup> March 2016 (Easter Sunday). On that date there were 12,864 Garda members and 1,821 Garda Staff serving in An Garda Síochána.

## 2. Right of Appeal

In the event that you are not happy with this decision you may seek an Internal Review of the matter in writing quoting reference number **FOI-000443-2022** to **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

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**You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000443-2022) 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 the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**PAUL BASSETT**

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

 **JANUARY, 2023**