

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000304-2020 Decision Granted

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

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

- 1) The number of Gardai of all ranks that have retired from the force in the years 2017, 2018, 2019 and to-date in 2020 in tabular form*
- 2) The number of Gardai of all ranks have applied to retire between 1 September and 31 December 2020 inclusive*
- 3) The number of new Gardai who have joined the force in the years of 2017, 2018, 2019 and to-date in 2020 in tabular form*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

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 a search was conducted in respect of same and a number of records were identified.

Part 1 of your request sought “The number of Gardai of all ranks that have retired from the force in the years 2017, 2018, 2019 and to-date in 2020 in tabular form” and Part 2 sought “The number of Gardai of all ranks have applied to retire between 1 September and 31 December 2020 inclusive. Please see table below which outlines the number of Garda members by rank who have retired in the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and applications on file to retire from the 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2020 to the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020. Retirements include voluntary, compulsory (age grounds) and Cost Neutral Early Retirement. Data provided as of 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

	Com	D/Com	AC	C/Supt	Supt	Insp.	Sgt	Garda	Total
<b>2017</b>	1	0	3	6	11	20	69	116	<b>226</b>
<b>2018</b>	0	1	1	4	17	16	67	112	<b>218</b>
<b>2019</b>	0	0	1	6	16	14	64	122	<b>223</b>
<b>2020 (1<sup>st</sup> Jan to Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 2020)</b>	0	0	2	6	16	5	32	78	<b>139</b>
<b>2020 (Sept 1<sup>st</sup> to Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2020) Applications on file as of Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 2020</b>	0	0	0	3	16	4	27	28	<b>78</b>
<b>Total</b>	1	1	7	25	76	59	259	456	<b>884</b>

Part 3 of your request sought “The number of new Gardai who have joined the force in the years of 2017, 2018, 2019 and to-date in 2020 in tabular form”. According to information provided by the Garda College, the number of Garda Trainees who have been attested to An Garda Síochána in the years 2017, 2018, 2019 and to-date in 2020 are set out in tabular form below:

<b>Garda Trainees Attested</b>	
<b>2017</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2017	150
24 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	143
6 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	198
22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2017	181
8 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	211
<b>Total Attested 2017</b>	<b>883</b>
<b>2018</b>	
16 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	206
15 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	198
7 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	195
30 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	199
<b>Total Attested 2018</b>	<b>798</b>
<b>2019</b>	
8 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	207
7 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	201
29 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	197
<b>Total Attested 2019</b>	<b>605</b>
<b>2020</b>	

21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020	201
20 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	321
Total Attested 2020	522

## 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-000304-2020**.

**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:** 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-000304-2020 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 the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,

  
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**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**  
**PAUL BASSETT**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020.