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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000006-2021 Request Part-Grant

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 05th January, 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:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2014.

I request that a digital copy of the following records be provided to Radio Kerry:

- *The number of gardaí in the Kerry Garda Division who were required to take sick/injured leave during 2019 and 2020 as a result of injuries received during the course of their duties.*
- *The longest period a garda in the Kerry Garda Division has been unable to fulfil their work duties due to an injury sustained during the course of their duties.*
- *The total number of gardaí in the Kerry Garda Division.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on 21st January, 2020.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

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1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt of your request, it was forwarded to the relevant Sections of An Garda Síochána and a search was conducted to establish what records were held in relation to your request.

The table below shows the number of gardaí in the Kerry Garda Division who were required to take sick/injured leave during 2019 and 2020 as a result of injuries received during the course of their duties.

DIVISION	2019	2020
Kerry	25	13

Sick Leave Statistics as recorded on SAMS and reported @ 12.01.2021

In response to the second part of your request this office has been advised that the longest amount of time a Garda member has been absent due to Injury on Duty in the Kerry division is 1514 days.

The Sections of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 which deny access to information are known as exemptions. In this regard, I wish to advise you that I am refusing to release the records for “*The total number of gardaí in the Kerry Garda Division*” in accordance with Section 15(1)(d) 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

(d) the information is already in the public domain.

The information sought by you is already published on the Garda website and may be accessed by following the attached link:

<https://www.garda.ie/en/about-us/our-departments/human-resources-and-people-development/garda-hr-directorate/>

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-000006-2021**.

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:

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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-000006-2021 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

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

21st JANUARY, 2021.