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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000107-2016 Granted

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and your submission to An Garda Síochána dated and received on the 11th March 2016.

Your request sought:-

"The number of invoices received in 2015 (or the closest year possible) for the Doctor Payment Scheme / Doctor of Choice Scheme ie where GPs sent in invoices for payments after consultations with serving members."

I wish to inform you that your request has been granted.

Doctor Payments Scheme (DPS)

Since the 1st January 2012, a centralised payment scheme to administer this charge from the Garda Vote was introduced.

Each time a member of An Garda Síochána attends or is attended to by their Doctor they must complete a medical services form at the time of consultation. The Doctor attaches an invoice to this form and submits it to Garda Human Resource Directorate for payment.

The Doctor Payments Office of An Garda Síochána process the invoices from the relevant practices, verify that the person who attended the Doctor is a serving member of An Garda Síochána and that the Doctor is registered for the Scheme. The claim is then forwarded to the Financial Shared Services (FSS) Centre, Department of Justice & Equality for tax/VAT deductions and subsequent payment.

The Doctor Payments scheme applies to serving members of An Garda Síochána only. The scheme does not apply to the spouse, children, or other relatives of serving members nor does it apply to retired members.

Doctors are paid a consultation fee only. Invoices for items such as injections, drugs, medicines, blood tests, etc, are not paid under the Doctor Payment Scheme. Special medical examinations and associated reports, carried out at the request of the Gardaí are not covered under the Doctor Payments Scheme.

Doctors who expressed an interest in joining the Doctor Payment Scheme were invited to register on the panel of Doctors throughout December 2011. In excess of 1,300 doctors registered on the panel.

In 2015, the Doctor Payments Office received 10,098 invoices.

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 **F01-000107-2016**.

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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: IE86B0F190001710026896
BIC: BOFIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number is included in the payment details.

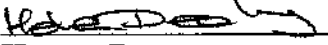
You should submit your request for an Internal Review within 4 weeks from the date of this notification. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of An Garda Síochána and the decision will be communicated to you within 3 weeks. The making of a late appeal 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 me by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,

 SUPERINTENDENT
HELEN DEELY
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

 April 2016