An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000009-2017

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 13th January, 2017 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2014 for records held by An Garda Síochána.

Your request sought:

The number of complaints of rape, sexual assault, or sexual misconduct made against members of An Garda Siochána since 2015
The number of complaints of rape, sexual assault, or sexual misconduct made against members of An Garda Siochána currently being investigated
The number of complaints of rape, sexual assault, or sexual misconduct made against members of An Garda Siochána since 2015 that resulted in disciplinary action

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.

As the records you sought do not relate to human resources, finance or procurement I advise that your request is outside the scope of the FOI Act insofar as it pertains to An Garda Síochána.

The Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission (GSOC), established in May 2007, is responsible for investigating complaints made by members of the public against members of An Garda Síochána. In this regard, all complaints made by the public to An Garda

Síochána will be forwarded to GSOC for consideration. Members of the public can make a complaint directly to GSOC, without informing An Garda Síochána, resulting in GSOC having a comprehensive catalogue of all complaints made against Garda members. An Garda Síochána do not categorise complaints made by the public against its members. As a result, the records you seek are not held by An Garda Síochána and therefore, I am now transferring your request to the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission.

GSOC can be contacted at 150 Upper Abbey Street, Dublin 1, D01 FT73: Telephone (01) 8716727 or via email at info@gsoc.ie.

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 Office

16th January, 2017