

An Garda Síochána

Oifig Saorála Fáisnéise,
An Garda Síochána, Teach áth Luimnigh,
Lárionad Gnó Udáras Forbartha Tionscail,
Baile Sheáin, An Uaimh,
Contae na Mí.
C15 DR90



Freedom of Information Office,
An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House,
IDA Business Park,
Johnstown, Navan,
Co Meath.
C15 DR90

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000444-2017 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 9th October, 2017 and received on 10th October, 2017 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by the Garda Síochána.

Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act states that the 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 would like to request under Freedom of Information legislation, any internal briefing documents that the force disseminates to members of An Garda Síochána in order to facilitate them assisting/consulting on film and television productions where the force is depicted.

I am referring to both fiction and documentary works.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 31st October 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

A search of all instructions issued to Gardaí since 21st April 2008, which is the date from which records of this nature held by Gardaí are subject to the FOI Act, shows that only one record was created relevant to your FOI request. On the 30th September 2015 an instruction was issued relating to commercial productions within the media. Headquarters Directive (HQ Directive) 80/2015 refers and is attached.

Applications to appear in commercial media productions by serving Gardai are made to the Commissioner for consideration with regard to the role being portrayed as an official representation of the views or status of the Garda organisation.

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-000444-2017**.

**Freedom of Information Office,
Garda Síochána,
Athlumney House, IDA Business Park,
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: Garda Síochána Finance Section Public Bank Account
Account Number: 10026896
Sort Code: 900017
IBAN: IE86B0F190001710026896
BIC: BOFIIIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000444-2017 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 the 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 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

6th November 2017

An Garda Síochána

Stiúrthóir Feidhmiúcháin,
Acmhainní Daonna agus Forbairt
Daoine
Ceanncheathrú an Gharda Síochána,
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Baile Átha Cliath 8.



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Luaigh an uimhir thagartha seo a
leanas, le do thoil:
Please quote the following ref number:
BB_B1CA-95595/13

Bí linn/Join us  

Executive Director,
Human Resources and People
Development,
Garda Headquarters,
Phoenix Park,
Dublin 8.

Láithreán Gréasáin/Web Site:
www.garda.ie
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hrpd.executivedirector@garda.ie

Treoir Ceanncheathrún/
HQ Directive No: 080/2015
Dáta/Date: 30th September 2015

Gach Oifigeach, Cigire agus Stáisiún - Each Officer, Inspector and Station. Is doiciméid faoi iontaoibh é seo le h-úsáid ag pearsanra den Gharda Síochána amháin. This is a confidential document for use only by Garda Personnel.

RE: Garda Code 17.2 Communications with the Public and the Media

Members are advised of the following addition to the [Garda Code Volume I, Chapter 17.2 Communications with the Public and the Media](#).

(5) A member will not, without the prior sanction of the Commissioner, appear in any commercial filming production in which they portray a member of An Garda Síochána, whether on or off duty, or undertake any role where it could be construed that they are representing An Garda Síochána.

Garda Code Chapter 17.2 should be amended accordingly.

Bring to the attention of all concerned


JOHN BARRETT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR