

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000492-2017 Partially Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on the 31st 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:

A breakdown of garda staffing numbers at every station for the years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and current status in 2017.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to partially grant your request on the 17th November 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

In order to facilitate your request, the records were sought from the Human Resources and People Development section of An Garda Síochána. The records relating to 2007 are, however, outside the scope of the FOI Act insofar as it relates to An Garda Síochána.

The effective date for the FOI Act as set out in section 2(1) states the following.

“effective date” means

in the case of an entity that immediately prior to enactment of the Act, was not a public body within the meaning of the Act of 1997, but is a public body within the meaning of this Act, 21 April 2008, unless provision is made to the contrary by under section 6;’

The above piece of legislation means that An Garda Síochána, with regard to the records you are seeking, is only subject to the FOI Act from 21st April 2008 I am therefore I am refusing the records for the year 2007.

The redistribution of staff within An Garda Síochána can be a gradual process as public needs dictate or it may be an immediate response to a significant change in security requirements. Extra resources can be allocated to a particular garda station to assist in managing specific operational matters. This may be decided at an Organisational level by Human Resources & People Development (HR&PD) section or the Allocation can be determined by the Chief Superintendent of a Division and in that situation the function HR & PD section is to ensure the process is conducted in an appropriate and equitable manner.

The records attached are for years 2008 to 2017. The 2017 figures are up to and including 30th September 2017 which is the most recent record available.

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-000492-2017**.

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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 FOI-000492-2017 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

20th NOVEMBER, 2017.