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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000040-2015

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and your submission to this body dated 14/10/2015 and received on 14/10/2015.

Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 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 is shown below:

“Request all records relating to An Garda Síochána’s social media policy”

I, _____ wish to inform you that your request has been refused.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions to deny access

The sections of the Act which can apply to deny access to documents are known as its exemption provisions.

Section 15(1)(f) states;

- (i) *“A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where-“*
- (f) *“the FOI body intends to publish the record and such publication is intended to be effected not later than 6 weeks after the receipt of the request by the head”.*

Your request is being refused under section 15(1)(f) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, as An Garda Síochána intends to publish our Social Media policy in the Publication Scheme Section of our FOI web page on the Garda Síochána web site www.garda.ie.

2. Rights 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-000040-2015**.

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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: IE86BOFI90001710026896
BIC: BOFIE2D

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

You should submit your request for an Internal Review within 20 working days from the date of this notification. A working day excludes the weekend and public holidays. 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,

Freedom of Information Officer.

10/11/2015