

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000055-2015 Request Refusal

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and my correspondence to you of 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and to your submissions to this body, dated and received on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

I refer to the request which you made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for records held by An Garda Síochána:

*The number of members of the force who have been dismissed from An Garda Síochána from March 17, 2009 to date, including reasons for dismissal, a break down of dismissals by year and rank and division.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ wish to inform you that your request **has been refused**.

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

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.

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

In refusing your request, I am applying Section 15(1)(d) wherein it states:

*A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where –  
(d) the information is already in the public domain*

The information sought in respect of dismissals of An Garda Síochána is available under the Internal Affairs heading of the Annual Reports which are located in the Publications tab on our website, [www.garda.ie](http://www.garda.ie).

In addition to the above refusal, I am also applying Section 37 (1) *Personal Information*:

*'Subject to this section a head shall refuse to grant an FOI request if, in the opinion of the head, access to the record concerned would involve the disclosure of personal information (including personal information relating to a deceased individual)'*

Due to the very small number of individuals who are dismissed from An Garda Síochána, the rank and Division of these individuals is not published in the event that they may deliberately or inadvertently be identified from this information.

## **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-00055-2015**.

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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 4 weeks 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](http://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.**

**13<sup>th</sup> November 2015**