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Ríomh-phoist/Email: foi@garda.ie

Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000059-2015 Request Refused

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and to your submission of 16th October 2015 to An Garda Síochána and received on the 19th October 2015.

Your request is as follows;

“How many staff members or gardaí have been disciplined for improper use of the PULSE system in the last five years? What were the circumstances surrounding each incident”

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

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

I am refusing your request on the basis that the records are not easily identifiable and it would cause a substantial and unreasonable disruption to the Human Resources and People Development section of An Garda Síochána to inspect all records held to identify this particular type of activity.

Section 15(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 states:

(1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where—

(c) in the opinion of the head, granting the request would, by reason of the number or nature of the records concerned or the nature of the information concerned, require the

retrieval and examination of such number of records or an examination of such kind of the records concerned as to cause a substantial and unreasonable interference with or disruption of work (including disruption of work in a particular functional area) of the FOI body concerned,

With reference to your request I wish to make you aware that disciplinary proceedings initiated internally relating to the improper use of PULSE are not categorised under this specific heading within the discipline section in Human Resources and People Development. However the improper use of PULSE by Gardaí may lead to a breach of discipline under a more generic section of the Garda Síochána (Discipline) Regulations 2007 as amended. These Regulations are available at www.oireactas.ie

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-000059-2015**.

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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

You 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. 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.

11th November 2015