

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000258-2016 Granted

**Dear .**

I refer to your request, dated and received on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by An Garda Síochána.

Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act 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 sought:

*1) I would like to know how many new recruits have been assigned to each of the three Cork Garda Divisions between Jan 1, 2015 and Dec 31, 2015 and also for the period Jan 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016.*

I have decided to grant your request on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August 2016.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

### **1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision**

The table below outlines the number of probationer Gardaí allocated to each of the three Cork Garda Divisions within the time-frames requested:

<b>Garda Division</b>	<b>01/01/2015 — 31/12/2015</b>	<b>01/01/2016 — 30/06/2016</b>
Cork City	5	3
Cork North	0	0
Cork West	0	0

Garda personnel assigned throughout the country, together with overall policing arrangements and operational strategy, are continually monitored and reviewed. The assignment of Garda personnel is determined by a number of factors including population, crime trends and as the policing needs of each individual Garda Division dictates. Such monitoring ensures that optimum use is made of Garda resources, and the best possible Garda service is provided to the general public.

A distribution model is utilised in the deployment of Garda personnel which takes into account all relevant factors including population, crime trends and the individual policing needs of the Division. It is the responsibility of the Divisional Officer to allocate personnel within his/her Division.

## **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-000258-2016**.

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IDA Business Park,  
Johnstown,  
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 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](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,

 SUPERINTENDENT  
LOUISE SYNNOTT  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2016