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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000335-2016 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) and your submission to An Garda Síochána dated 13th September, 2016 and received on 11th September, 2016.

Your original request has been segregated into three individual requests and this letter refers to parts (a), (d) and (f) of same.

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 is shown below:

a) For the amount of new recruits who have been assigned to (i) the Roscommon/Longford Garda Division and (ii) the Sligo/Leitrim Garda Division since January 1, 2015, and how many retires in the same division since the same date.

d) a record of staffing levels of An Garda Síochána in each of the divisions listed previously in each of the following periods - currently; (ii) Dec 31, 2015, (iii) Dec 31, 2014, (iv) Dec 31, 2013.

*f) The number of attacks on gardai in each of these divisions while on duty since 2011 until present, broke down annually and by each of the two divisions.
I would also like a list of the injuries sustained.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on 4th October, 2016.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions.

On receipt of your request, the Human Resources and People Development (HRPD) Section were requested to provide records relating to your request.

Part (a) of your request is seeking *'the amount of new recruits who have been assigned to (i) the Roscommon/Longford Garda Division and (ii) the Sligo/Leitrim Garda Division since January 1, 2015, and how many retirees in the same division since the same date'*.

Table A below sets out the number of recruits who have been assigned to the Roscommon/Longford and Sligo/Leitrim Divisions with effect from 1st January 2015.

Table A: - Number of new recruits who have been assigned to (i) Roscommon/Longford Division and (ii) Sligo/Leitrim Division

Division	No. of new Recruits
Roscommon/Longford	5
Sligo/Leitrim	5

The latter section of part (a) of your request enquires as to *how many retirees in the same division since the same date?* The statistics recorded in the HRPD include the number of overall departures from An Garda Síochána and the reasons for departures are not broken down on a Divisional level. Therefore, the figures contained in table B below are inclusive of all departures from An Garda Síochána with effect from 1st January 2015. Departures include retirements, resignations, medical discharges, dismissals and deaths in (i) Roscommon/Longford Division and (ii) Sligo/Leitrim.

Table B: - Number of departures from (i) Roscommon/Longford Division and (ii) Sligo/Leitrim

Division	No. of Departures
Roscommon/Longford	7
Sligo/Leitrim	14

Part (d) of your request is seeking *'a record of staffing levels of An Garda Síochána in each of the divisions listed previously in each of the following periods - currently; (ii) Dec 31, 2015, (iii) Dec 31, 2014, (iv) Dec 31, 2013'*.

Please see table C below which outlines the staffing levels for Roscommon/Longford and Sligo/Leitrim Divisions for the dates as set out above. The figures supplied for 2016 are as of 31st August.

Table C: - Staffing Levels in Roscommon/Longford and Sligo/Leitrim Divisions

Division	31/12/2013	31/12/2014	31/12/2015	31/08/2016
Roscommon/Longford	285	285	295	297
Sligo/Leitrim	305	296	294	293

Part (f) of your request seeks ‘the number of attacks on gardai in each of these divisions while on duty since 2011 until present, broke down annually and by each of the two divisions. I would also like a list of the injuries sustained’

Tables C & D below outline the number of assault related occupational injuries on members of An Garda Síochána and the types of injuries sustained for both the Roscommon/Longford and Sligo/Leitrim Divisions. The 2016 figures outlined below are up to and including 15th September 2016.

Table C: - Attacks on Gardaí in Roscommon/Longford Division

Roscommon /Longford Division assault related occupational injuries							
Year	Type of injury sustained						
	Bruising/Grazes/ Bites	Closed Fracture	Dislocation	Open Wounds	Other	Sprain/Strain	Total
2011	1	1	1		2	1	6
2012						3	3
2013	1	1	1	1	2	3	9
2014	4		1	1	1	1	8
2015	4			3	2	2	11
2016	7				1	3	11
Total	17	2	3	5	8	13	48

Table D: - Attacks on Gardaí in Sligo/Leitrim Division

Sligo/Leitrim Division assault related occupational injuries								
Year	Type of injury sustained							
	Bruising/Grazes/ Bites	Closed Fracture	Infection	Open Wounds	Other	Serious Multiple Injuries	Sprain/ Strain	Total
2011	1						4	5
2012	3	1		1	1		1	7
2013	3				5		5	13
2014	4	1			1	1	2	9
2015	5				1		2	8
2016	8		1		3			12
Total	24	2	1	1	11	1	14	54

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-000335-2016**.

Freedom of Information Office,
An Garda Síochána,
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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-000337-2016) 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 will be removed to protect confidentiality where applicable.

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.

 **OCTOBER, 2016**