

# An Garda Síochána

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**Mr. Cianan Brennan,**  
**TheJournal.ie,**

## **Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000203-2017 Request Refused**

*Dear Mr. Brennan,*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2014 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:

*In accordance with section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I wish to request access to the following records/details:*

*- The number of people convicted of drink driving in Ireland split by driver-age, gender, and county, for the years 2007, 2012, and 2016*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

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

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Your request relates to operational policing matters which does not come within the ambit of this partially included agency as set out in Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act.

I am therefore refusing your request as it falls outside the scope of the FOI Act insofar as it pertains to An Garda Síochána.

However, I advise that the records you seek may be available from the Court Services who may be contacted at:

**Freedom of Information,  
The Courts Service,  
15/24 Phoenix St. North,  
Smithfield,  
Dublin 7,  
353 1 888 6464**

or alternatively you can email them at [foi@courts.ie](mailto:foi@courts.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-000203-2017**.

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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:** 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  
**HELEN DEELY**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

11<sup>th</sup> May, 2017