

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000479-2017 Request Refused

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and received on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by the Garda Síochána.

Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act states that the 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:

*I would like any document regarding the revocation of taxi driver licences from 2015 to present. I would like to know how many, if any taxi licences were taken off drivers in the last two years and the reasons behind the revocation.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

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

The information sought in your request is subject to the Taxi Regulations Act 2013 and the functions carried out by the Garda organisation with regard to the licensing of small public service vehicles is governed by this legislation.

## **Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 – Out of Scope**

Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act provides that the Garda Síochána is not a public body for the purposes of the FOI Act other than in relation to administrative records relating to human resources, or finance or procurement matters. The information sought in your request relates to operational matters and does not relate to administrative records pertaining to human resources, finance or procurement matters. Therefore, this request is outside the scope of the FOI Act insofar as the Garda Síochána is concerned.

Consequently, I am refusing your FOI request as I deem it to be outside of scope of the FOI Act insofar as the Garda Síochána is concerned.

## **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-000479-2017**.

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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 FOI-000445-2017 is included in the payment details.**

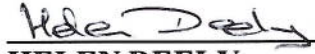
You should submit your request for an Internal Review within 4 weeks from the date of this notification. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the Garda Síochána and the decision will be communicated to you within 3 weeks. The making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances.

Please be advised that 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**

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017