

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000121-2018 Request Granted

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2018 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:

*In relation to occupational injuries received by Members of the Force in 2017 while on public duty, please provide the relevant numbers in the following table format:*

MALE 2017							
Division	Assault	Manual Handling	Needle stick injury/stab/blood or bodily fluid exposure	Other	Psychological shock or trauma	Road Traffic Accident	Slips/trips/falls

FEMALE 2017							
Division	Assault	Manual Handling	Needle stick injury/stab/blood or bodily fluid exposure	Other	Psychological shock or trauma	Road Traffic Accident	Slips/trips/falls

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

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

Details of your request were provided to the Health and Safety Section of An Garda Síochána to identify records containing the information you have requested. Two records have been identified relating to your request.

I have made a decision to grant access to these records under the FOI Act.

Please find appended:

**Appendix A** – Occupational Injuries 2017 - Male

**Appendix B** – Occupational Injuries 2017 - Female

Please note that a new category of occupational injury is included in these records entitled “Body movement (Resulting in injury)” to capture injuries sustained by personnel relating to strains and pulled muscles. These are outlined in both Appendix A and B.

An Garda Síochána have a duty of care to their members in the event of an occupational injury. In this regard there are a number of services available to members who suffer an injury on duty.

The primary service available is that of the Occupational Health Service whose role is to advise the Garda Commissioner on fitness for duty, and to protect, maintain and promote the health of all Garda employees. The Service currently consists of two Specialist Occupational Health Physicians including the Chief Medical Officer, three Occupational Health Nurses, and Administration staff. Sessional nurses and doctors including occupational health physicians also enhance the capacity of the Service. The Service is also complemented by access to expertise of independent specialist medical advisors in various specialities.

An Garda Síochána is very mindful to the significant occupational demands placed on its members and the exposure to very stressful and traumatic situations. In this context, the implementation of 24/7 independent counselling service for Garda members, reserves and Civilian staff attached to An Garda Síochána is now available to all members of the force.

Requests for counselling services by members can be sought after a traumatic incident dealt with by an individual member or a number of members of An Garda Síochána. Counselling services are available for local management to utilise at their discretion to ensure the health and welfare of their staff. Members dealing with traumatic incidents, such as fatal road traffic collisions or sudden deaths and other such events will on occasion require the expertise of a professional counselling service to reduce the possible impact of dealing with an upsetting event.

## **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-000121-2018**.

***Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, 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:** IE86BOFI90001710026896

**BIC:** BOFIIIE2D

**You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000121-2018 is included in the payment details.**

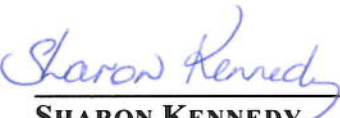
You should submit your request for an Internal Review within 4 weeks from the date of this notification. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of An Garda Síochána and the decision will be communicated to you within 3 weeks. The making of a late appeal 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**  
**SHARON KENNEDY**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

09 APRIL, 2018

APPENDIX A

Occupational Injuries 2017 - MALE

Division	Assault	Body movement (Resulting in injury)	Contact with something sharp, pointed or rough	Injured by animal	Manual Handling	Needle Stick Injury/Stab/Blood or body fluid exposure	Other shock or trauma	Psychological	Road Traffic Collision	Slips/Trips/Falls	Smoke inhalation	Grand Total
CAVAN / MONAGHAN	8		1		2	3	1		1	1		17
CLARE	4		1	1	1	1			1	1		10
CORK CITY	10		1			1			7	3		22
CORK NORTH	8		1		2				3	2		16
CORK WEST	1		1			3			1			6
D.M.R. EAST	8		2			1	1		4	5		21
D.M.R. NORTH	8	1	2		1	2	2		4	3		23
D.M.R. NORTH CENTRAL	6	4	1	1		2			4	4		22
D.M.R. SOUTH	4		5			2			2	4		17
D.M.R. SOUTH CENTRAL	6		5		5	3			6	2		27
D.M.R. WEST	14	1	4		1	3	2		3	6		34
DONEGAL	9		3		1	2				2	1	18
GALWAY	10		1		2	4	2	1	2	2		24
KERRY	14		1		3	2	1		1	2		24
KILDARE	2	2				1			2			7
KILKENNY/CARLOW	2					1			3	1		7
LAOIS / OFFALY	5	1	2		1		1		4	6		20
LIMERICK	1		4		7	1			5	1		19
LOUTH	6											6
MAYO	5		1			2	1		1	1		11
MEATH	9		2			2			1	3		17



APPENDIX B

Occupational Injuries 2017 - FEMALE

Division	Assault	Body movement (Resulting in injury)	Contact with something sharp, pointed or rough	Injured by animal	Manual Handling	Needle Stick Injury/Stab/ Blood or body fluid exposure	Other	Psychological shock or trauma	Road Traffic Collision	Slips/ Trips/ Falls	Grand Total
CAVAN / MONAGHAN				1							1
CLARE	1		1						1		3
CORK CITY	5		1	1					2	2	11
CORK NORTH										2	2
CORK WEST	2								1	2	5
D.M.R. EAST	1									1	2
D.M.R. NORTH	1								2	1	4
D.M.R. NORTH CENTRAL	2					1				1	4
D.M.R. SOUTH										2	2
D.M.R. SOUTH CENTRAL	4	1								1	6
D.M.R. WEST	5								1	5	11
DONEGAL	2		2			1					6
GALWAY	5		1	1	1				1		8
KERRY	6				3					1	10
KILDARE			1	1			1			1	4
KILKENNY/CARLOW	1						1				2
LAOIS / OFFALY			1	1					1	1	4
LIMERICK							1				2
LOUTH	2										2
MAYO			3		1						5
MEATH						3					3

