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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000295-2018 Request Refused

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 18th July, 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:

*I am seeking copies of records relating to the cost (within the Limerick garda division) of sending blood/urine samples by registered post to the Medical Bureau of Road Safety during the calendar years of 2016 and 2017.
If possible, I would ask for breakdown by garda district.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 9th August, 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 relevant areas within An Garda Síochána in order to identify and conduct a search for the records you have requested.

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As a result of this search this Office has been advised that a record relating to the total cost of postal services in the Limerick Garda Division is available, however a record detailing the cost of sending blood/urine samples by registered post to the Medical Bureau of Road Safety does not exist. Detailed records are not available relating to registered post items.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act, I am satisfied that all reasonable steps have been taken to identify and locate the requested records.

I am therefore refusing your request wherein you seek '*copies of records relating to the cost (within the Limerick garda division) of sending blood/urine samples by registered post to the Medical Bureau of Road Safety during the calendar years of 2016 and 2017*' on administrative grounds in accordance with Section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act which states:

Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests

15. (1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where—

- (a) *the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken,*

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-000295-2018**.

Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, 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: BOFIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000295-2018 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

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 **AUGUST, 2018**