

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000319-2018 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 2nd August, 2018 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by An Garda Síochána. I am aware that a member of staff of this Office was in contact with you via email on the 2nd August 2018 in which you clarified your request as outlined below.

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 original request sought:

Is it possible to get data on the staff levels, at each Gardaí division/regional level, between 2003 to 2016?

Your clarified request sought:

I would only be looking for total staff levels.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 29th August, 2018.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

As advised by a member of staff of this Office on the 2nd August 2018, the Garda organisation has only been subject to the provisions of the FOI Act 2014 since 15th October, 2015 and was

not formerly subject to the requirements of freedom of information as contained in the previous FOI Act of 1997. As a result, the start date for the provision of records, excluding personal records, as set out in section 2(1) of the FOI Act for An Garda Síochána is 21st April 2008. This date is known as the *effective date*. Therefore, records created prior to 21st April 2008 are not normally considered for release by the Freedom of Information Officer. However, in this instance records from 1st January 2008 to 20th April 2008 will be considered.

Upon receipt of your request, a search was conducted in the Human Resource Directorate of An Garda Síochána. As a result of this search, this Office has been briefed and records have been provided to me for consideration under the FOI Act.

Upon review of these records, I have decided to grant your request.

The total staff levels of An Garda Síochána, broken down to Regional/Divisional level, from 2008-2016 inclusive is herewith attached at Appendix A. The figures provided are that as of the 31st of December of each year.

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-000319-2018**.

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-000319-2018) is included in the payment details.

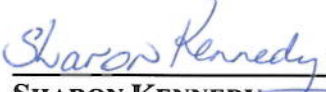
You should submit your request for an Internal Review within 4 weeks from the date of this notification. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of An Garda Síochána and the decision will be communicated to you within 3 weeks. The making of a late appeal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

29 AUGUST, 2018

APPENDIX A

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| ROSCOMMON/GALWAY EAST | 294 | | | | | | | | |
| ROSCOMMON/LONGFORD | | 292 | 301 | 286 | 280 | 285 | 285 | 292 | 301 |
| MAYO | 329 | 309 | 311 | 309 | 300 | 307 | 298 | 303 | 300 |
| SLIGO/LEITRIM | 318 | 313 | 320 | 313 | 303 | 305 | 296 | 294 | 297 |
| DONEGAL | 488 | 468 | 466 | 444 | 427 | 409 | 397 | 392 | 382 |
| CAVAN/MONAGHAN | 418 | 406 | 391 | 360 | 348 | 331 | 323 | 318 | 318 |
| TOTAL: | 8005 | 8197 | 8182 | 7937 | 7719 | 7576 | 7420 | 7423 | 7483 |

Administrative Staff by Division

| | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| SLIGO/LEITRIM | 25 | 27 | 28 | 26 | 25 | 26 | 26 | 28 | 25 |
| DONEGAL | 28 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 31 |
| CAVAN/MONAGHAN | 38 | 40 | 38 | 38 | 38 | 38 | 38 | 38 | 38 |
| LOUTH | 23 | 24 | 24 | 25 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 |
| WEXFORD | 26 | 28 | 29 | 28 | 28 | 27 | 28 | 28 | 28 |
| WATERFORD/KILKENNY | 44 | | | | | | | | |
| CARLOW/KILKENNY | | 22 | 26 | 26 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 30 |
| WATERFORD | | 32 | 32 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 29 | 26 | 28 |
| TIPPERARY | 34 | 35 | 37 | 37 | 36 | 34 | 35 | 31 | 36 |
| MEATH | 22 | 27 | 27 | 28 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 26 | 27 |
| CARLOW/KILDARE | 30 | | | | | | | | |
| KILDARE | | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 |
| LAOIS/OFFALY | 25 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 21 | 23 | 23 | 22 | 22 |
| WESTMEATH | | 23 | 23 | 23 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 21 |
| LONGFORD/WESTMEATH | 29 | | | | | | | | |
| WICKLOW | 23 | 25 | 26 | 25 | 24 | 23 | 24 | 23 | 23 |
| CORK CITY | 69 | 69 | 67 | 68 | 66 | 63 | 62 | 59 | 59 |
| CORK NORTH | 24 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 24 | 26 | 25 | 25 | 28 |
| CORK WEST | 28 | 27 | 29 | 27 | 28 | 26 | 26 | 25 | 26 |
| KERRY | 32 | 34 | 34 | 34 | 34 | 34 | 34 | 34 | 34 |
| LIMERICK | 58 | 58 | 56 | 55 | 53 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 52 |
| GALWAY | 29 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 47 | 48 | 46 | 46 | 46 |
| ROSCOMMON/GALWAY EAST | 25 | | | | | | | | |
| CLARE | 34 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 34 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 |
| MAYO | 30 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 33 | 34 | 33 | 33 | 34 |
| ROSCOMMON/LONGFORD | | 26 | 26 | 27 | 26 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 29 |
| DMR SOUTH | 38 | 37 | 38 | 35 | 35 | 33 | 32 | 29 | 34 |
| DMR SOUTH CENTRAL | 37 | 38 | 37 | 34 | 33 | 33 | 28 | 29 | 27 |
| DMR NORTH | 57 | 59 | 58 | 54 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 48 | 48 |
| DMR NORTH CENTRAL | 49 | 45 | 47 | 46 | 42 | 43 | 40 | 36 | 36 |
| DMR EAST | 28 | 27 | 25 | 25 | 26 | 25 | 24 | 23 | 22 |
| DMR WEST | 58 | 55 | 57 | 57 | 53 | 54 | 54 | 51 | 51 |
| GARDA HQ | 932 | 925 | 926 | 929 | 939 | 991 | 977 | 947 | 933 |

The figures provided above for Garda and Administrative staff are in respect of the number of staff employed.

Industrial and Non-Industrial staff - Regions

| | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| COUNTRY DIVISIONS | 85.9 | 82.7 | 80.66 | 75.9 | 69.9 | 65.3 | 64.4 | 63 | 55.5 |
| DMR | 75.4 | 72 | 68.98 | 66.7 | 62.9 | 69.9 | 67.6 | 66 | 64.6 |
| GARDA HQ | 126.7 | 121.5 | 115.5 | 115.9 | 99.1 | 101.7 | 113.4 | 118.4 | 114.8 |

Please note that the figures relating to industrial and non-industrial staffing levels comprise of staff members such as cleaners, service attendants, catering staff, drivers and general operatives. Whilst some members of staff work full-time hours, the majority work less than full-time. As a consequence, the total number of staff employed is quite large however this does not reflect the hours worked, which can be few in most instances. For example, cleaners in rural Garda Stations may only work one hour per week and/or may work in multiple locations. Accordingly, the figures provided are Whole-time Equivalent (WTE) numbers as these most closely reflect the figures provided for the Garda and Administrative staff figures aforementioned.