



# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000001-2019 Request Refused

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 27<sup>th</sup> December, 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 writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2014. In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible.*

*I am requesting that you provide me with the following information: all reports made where people have had their drink spiked or report being drugged against their will.*

- If held, please state the location of the incident, eg. name of a night club, street name. If in a private home or at a house party, please just state- residential home/ house party. If it is possible, please state the police region that dealt with the report.*
- If known, please specify if the victim was sexually assaulted in the event.*
- I would like this information to cover the last three years: ie, 2016, 2017 and 2018 and to be broken down by each of these years.*
- Additionally, please could you give a numerical overview for all reports of spiked drinks or people being drugged against their will as far back as your records allow. I estimate that this might take it back to the early 2000s. A simple total number for each year will do when answering this part.*

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I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2019.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

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

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

### **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-000001-2019**.

**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-000001-2019 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 the Freedom of Information Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,

  
SUPERINTENDENT  
**SHARON KENNEDY**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

02 JANUARY, 2019.