

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000002-2023 Request Part-Granted

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 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:

*Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, I request the following information:*

*The numbers of sworn Garda members who have resigned, as opposed to retired, from January 1, 2018 to today, January 04, 2023.*

*I request the information in tabulated format by year and by rank. For example: 2019: 15 gardai, 12, sergeants, etc.*

*Also, I would like to know how many, by rank and year, were dismissed in the same timeframe.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

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

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Upon receipt, your request was forwarded to the relevant sections of An Garda Síochána to retrieve the information requested by you and a number of records have been identified.

I am to advise I am refusing to supply the records of the numbers of sworn Garda members who have resigned, as opposed to retired, from January 1, 2018 to 2021. Furthermore I am refusing to provide the records for dismissals for the same time period. I am doing so in accordance with Section 15 (1)(i)(i) of the FOI Act.

15. (1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where –
- (i) the request relates to records already released, either to the same or a previous requester where –
    - (i) the records are available to the requestor concerned

The records sought by you were the subject of previous FOI requests (FOI-000314-2021 and FOI-000026-2022). It is the practice of An Garda Síochána to publish all non-personal requests on their decision log. You can access the requested records by following the links below;

<https://garda.ie/en/information-centre/freedom-of-information/decision-log/human-resource-management/human-resources-general-decision-logs-2021.html>

<https://garda.ie/en/information-centre/freedom-of-information/decision-log/human-resource-management/human-resources-general-decision-logs-2022.html>

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The following tables outline the number of Garda members by rank who have resigned or who resigned in lieu of dismissal or not suitable for appointment for 2022 and todate in 2023 along with dismissals for the same period.

<b>Resignations</b>									
	<b>Com</b>	<b>D/Com</b>	<b>AC</b>	<b>C/Supt</b>	<b>Supt</b>	<b>Insp.</b>	<b>Sgt</b>	<b>Garda</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2022</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	107	<b>109</b>

<b>Dismissals</b>									
	<b>Com</b>	<b>D/Com</b>	<b>AC</b>	<b>C/Supt</b>	<b>Supt</b>	<b>Insp.</b>	<b>Sgt</b>	<b>Garda</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2022</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	<b>2</b>



## 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-000002-2023**.

**Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 ND62.**

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:** An Garda Síochána Imprest Account

**Account Number:** 30000302

**Sort Code:** 951599

**IBAN:** IE28DABA95159930000302

**BIC:** DABAIE2D

**You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000002-2023 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 FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

11 JANUARY, 2023.