Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000029-2020
Request Part-Granted

Dear,

I refer to your request, dated and received on 3rd January, 2020 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 Freedom of Information Act, I wish to request access to copies of the following records which relate to:

Records relating to the cost of any refurbishment work carried out at Cabra Garda Station, DMR West, to make the station wheelchair accessible.

I understand work was carried out last year, and therefore seek records from 01/01/2018 until 31/12/2019. These records should relate to any specific work carried out to make it wheelchair accessible, and the cost of such work.

In this regard, I have decided to part-grant your request on the 29th January, 2020.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.
1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Details of your request were provided to the Estate Management Section within An Garda Síochána who conducted a search for records relating to your request. Having reviewed these records, I am now to advise that a number of redactions have been applied.

In respect of email dated 11th September 2019, I am to advise that with the exception of Part 5, the remainder of the record has been redacted as the information contained therein does not specifically relate to your FOI request.

Part 5 of this email is released to you in a redacted form. The last sentence has been removed in accordance with Part (1)(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act.

As outlined above, 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.

HR records refer to personal records of staff working within An Garda Síochána. They also relate to statistical information in respect of the organisation, e.g. sick leave, discipline, retirements, etc. Financial records relate to the financial expenditure of the organisation and procurement records relate to the contracting of services and the tendering process associated with same.

The redaction in part 5 of email dated 11th September 2019 does not come within the ambit of this partially included agency as set out in Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act. I am therefore refusing this information as it is falls outside the scope of the FOI Act insofar as it pertains to An Garda Síochána.

With regard to email dated 5th September, 2019, paragraph 2 is released for your information. I am to advise that paragraphs 1 and 4 of the document are being withheld as the information contained therein does not specifically relate to your FOI request. The information contained in paragraph 3 of this record has been redacted in accordance with Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 as set out above.

Finally, with regard to email dated 3rd September, 2019, I am to advise you that with the exception of Part 5, the remainder of the record has been redacted as the information contained therein does not specifically relate to your FOI request. The last sentence of part 5 has been redacted in accordance with Part (1)(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act, as set out above.

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-000029-2020.


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:** BOFIIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000029-2020) 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 into 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 wish to discuss the above, please contact the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,

**Maria Brodigan**  
**ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

30 JANUARY, 2020
From: Murphy, Sean
Sent: Thursday 5 September 2019 17:28
To: Murphy, Finbarr
Cc: Carolan, William; A Farrell, Stephen
Subject: Chief Superintendent DMR West

The scope of works planned to be undertaken in September includes the accessibility works—provision of new parking space, level access from this to the new, wider, door, raised threshold, as well as works to the existing steps—handrails and all hard and soft landscaping and drainage works associated with this, have been costed at €360,000. This excludes M&E costs associated with same—lighting along pathway and over entrance door.

Regards

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5. The accessibility works – provision of new parking space, level access from this to the new, wider, door, raised threshold, as well as works to the existing steps – handrails and all hard and soft landscaping and drainage works associated with this, have been costed at approx. €80,000. This excludes M&E costs associated with same – lighting along pathway and over entrance door.

Regards,
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5. The accessibility works – provision of new parking space, level access from this to the new, wider, door, raised threshold, as well as works to the existing steps – handrails and all hard and soft landscaping and drainage works associated with this, have been costed at €660,000. M&E costs budgeted at €111,000 – lighting along pathway and over entrance door.
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