

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000044-2021 Request Granted

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2021 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 request: Can you tell me how many gardai were disciplined in 2019 and 2020 and provide a breakdown of the offences they were disciplined for?*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

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

Upon receipt of your request, the Internal Affairs Section of An Garda Síochána were contacted to retrieve the information. Internal Affairs have provided this office with the information detailed below.

Members of An Garda Síochána are subject to the Garda Síochána (Discipline) Regulations, 2007 as amended. As per the Regulations, minor disciplinary matters are addressed locally by way of Regulation 10. Such records are retained locally and are not held centrally. Matters of

a more serious nature (Part 3) and a less serious nature (Part 2) are progressed centrally through the Discipline Section.

In 2019 there was 93 members and in 2020 there was 58 members who were found to be in breach of discipline. These breaches cover a range of penalties from Advice, caution, warning, reprimand, temporary reduction of pay, resignation in lieu of dismissal & dismissal

The Discipline Section at Internal Affairs is responsible for the oversight of all investigations undertaken by An Garda Síochána under the provisions of the *Garda Síochána (Discipline) Regulations 2007/2011* Statutory Instrument Nos. 124 of 2007 and 620 of 2011 which came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2007 and 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2011. The following link provides further details;

<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2007/si/214/made/en/print>  
<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2011/si/620/made/en/print>

The purpose of these Regulations is to provide a code of conduct for all members of An Garda Síochána, which must be strictly adhered to. Any suspected breaches may be subject of investigation by Officers appointed pursuant to the Regulations.

## 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-000044-2021**.

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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-000044-2021 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 me by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

19<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.