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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000081-2019 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 15th February, 2019 and received on 18th February, 2019 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:

- *The amount spent ensuring that all systems and procedures were GDPR compliant - please detail any spending made to ensure GDPR compliance to date*
- *The amount spent on GDPR training to date*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 14th March, 2019.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

On receipt of your request the records were sought in the relevant Sections of An Garda Síochána.

An Garda Síochána became subject to the European Union General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) since the 25th May 2018 and the Police & Criminal

Justice Data Protection Directive (LED) (EU) 2016/680 from the 6th May 2018. The GDPR and LED greatly increase the rights of individuals and place additional obligations on data controllers such as An Garda Síochána.

An Garda Síochána has appointed a Data Protection Officer (DPO) to ensure compliance with GDPR and LED requirements. A Data Protection Unit with dedicated staff was established in April 2018 to support the DPO.

Details your request were provided to the Finance Directorate of An Garda Síochána who have briefed this office and provided details of the expenditure coded to the financial cost centre associated with the new Data Protection Unit since its establishment. A financial cost centre was assigned in February 2018 for the newly established Data Protection Unit. The details of which are outlined in Table A below:

Table A

Expenditure – Establishment of GDPR	2018	2019
Salaries, Wages & Allowances	€ 277,218	€ 144,756
Travel & Subsistence	€ 13,536	€ 2,515
Incidental Expenses	€ 5,857	0
Postal & Telecommunications	€ 829.00	0
Office Equipment and External IT Services	€ 3,816	€ 548.00
Station Services	€ 37,127	0

The Garda Training College has briefed this Office and provided details of expenditure in relation to GDPR/Data Protection training. Having reviewed these records, I have decided to grant the part of your request that relates to training. The details of which are provided in Table B below:

TABLE B

Records of expenditure by the Garda Training College in relation to GDPR/Data Protection Training.			
2016	2017	2018	2019
€ 5,684.95	€ 12,005.00	€ 4,095.00	€ 2,350

The above expenditure relates to continuous professional development, professional compliance, expert staff development, conference fees, practical compliance and practitioner certificates in Data Protection and (GDPR) (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) training from 1st January 2016 to present.

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-000081-2019**.

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: BOFIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000081-2019) 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

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,

 **ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**
MARIA BRODIGAN
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

14th MARCH, 2019