

An Garda Síochána

Oifig Saorála Fáisnéise,
An Garda Síochána, Teach áth Luimnigh,
Lárionad Gnó Udáras Forbartha Tionscail,
Baile Sheáin, An Uaimh,
Contae na Mí.
C15 ND62



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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000094-2023 Request Part-Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 6th March, 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:

I am looking for the number of sworn members of An Garda Síochána (Excluding Garda Staff) who have availed of the counselling services or Inspire Counselling Service for the years 2020, 2021 & 2022. If possible can this be broken into 1) Persona who have attended for these services in person & 2) Telephone Access.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 3rd April 2023. The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt, your request was forwarded to the Employee Assistance Section of An Garda Síochána to retrieve the information requested by you.

I am to advise you that the records do not exist in the format as sought by you for sworn members excluding civilian staff. In this regard, I am refusing the breakdown in accordance with Section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act.

Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI Requests

*15(1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where –
(a) The record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken*

However the table below provides the numbers of Telephone/Video Counselling and Face to Face Counselling that took place for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022.

	2020	2021	2022
Telephone/Video Counselling	2,039	3,410	3,012
Face to Face Counselling	885	624	1,471

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-000094-2023**.

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-000094-2023 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

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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

3 APRIL, 2023.