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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000139-2022 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 1st April, 2022 and received on 4th April, 2022 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:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2014.

My request relates to the following garda divisions: Cork North, Cork West & Cork City.

I am requesting a digital copy of the following:

- The number of gardaí in the aforementioned divisions who were required to take sick/injured leave during 2021 as a result of injuries received during the course of their duties.
- The longest period a garda in the aforementioned divisions has been unable to fulfil their work duties due to an injury sustained during the course of their duties.

This request is made as part of news gathering and is not for a commercial use.

Disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the Irish government, and tax payer-funded bodies.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on 21st April 2022.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt of your request, it was forwarded to the relevant section of An Garda Síochaná were a search was conducted to establish what records were held in relation to your request.

The table below shows the number of gardaí in the Cork Garda Divisions who were absent due to an Injury on Duty between 1st January 2021 and 31st December 2021.

DIVISION	Number of Garda Members absent due to Injury on Duty 2021
Cork North	17
Cork West	8
Cork City	17

Sick Leave Statistics as recorded on SAMS and reported @ 04.02.2022

In response to the second part of your request the table below shows the longest amount of time a Garda member has been absent due to Injury on Duty in the Cork Divisions.

DIVISION	The longest amount of time a Garda Member was absent due to Injury on Duty
Cork North	2315 days
Cork West	1699 days
Cork City	1243 days

Sick Leave Statistics as recorded on SAMS and reported @ 11.04.2022

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-000139-2022.

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-000139-2022 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 the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

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Yours sincerely,

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

APRIL, 2022.