

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000186-2019 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 14th May, 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:

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2014.

I would like to receive figures for how many members of the Gardai were injured while on duty in both 2017 and 2018. I would like the figures separated by year initially, and further separated by both division and by the nature of the injury: assault, contact with something sharp, RTA etc.

Furthermore, I would like to know, if possible, how many Gardai were injured in 2017 and 2018 as a result of being stuck by syringes and if any of these members contracted diseases or received infections as a result of this injury.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 10th June, 2019.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Details of your request were provided to the Health and Safety Section of An Garda Síochána to identify records containing the information you have requested. In this regard, records have been located in respect of same.

Please find attached tables broken down by Divisions as requested by you. These also detail the number of Gardaí and the type of injury incurred while on duty in 2017 and 2018. Furthermore, the tables show the number of members who were incurred by syringe injuries. I also wish to advise that in 2017 and 2018, no members of An Garda Síochána have contracted diseases or infections as a result of being stuck by syringes.

The figures detailed in the tables are as of 21/05/2019.

An Garda Síochána is very mindful to the significant occupational demands placed on its members and the exposure to very stressful and traumatic situations. Critical support is provided by the Chief Medical Officer, the Employee Assistance Service, the Peer Support Network and counselling services.

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-000186-2019**.

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-000186-2019 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 the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,

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

10th JUNE, 2019.

Number of Gardai injured on duty in 2017 and 2018 (as of 21/05/19)

YEAR	Assault	Body movement (Resulting in injury)	Contact with something sharp, pointed or rough	Injured by animal	Manual Handling	Needle Stick Injury/Stab/Blood or body fluid exposure	Other	Psychological shock or trauma	Road Traffic Collision	Slips/ Trips/ Falls	Smoke inhalation	Total
2017	259	20	58	8	36	53	13	3	88	114	1	653
2018	217	69	37	17	14	29	21	4	103	79	1	591
Total	476	89	95	25	50	82	34	7	191	193	2	1244

Number of Gardaí injured on duty in 2017 by Division/Nature of Injury (as of 21/05/19)

DIVISION	Assault	Body movement (Resulting in injury)	Contact with something sharp, pointed or rough	Injured by animal	Manual Handling	Needle Stick Injury/Stab /Blood or body fluid exposure	Other	Psychological shock or trauma	Road Traffic Collision	Slips/ Trips/ Falls	Smoke inhalation	Total
CAVAN / MONAGHAN	9	2	1	1	2	3			1	1		20
CLARE	5		2	1	1	1			2	1		13
GARDA HEADQUARTERS	1		1		1		3		1	1		8
CORK CITY	17		2	1		1			9	6		36
CORK NORTH	11		1		3				3	4		22
CORK WEST	3		1			3			2	2		11
D.M.R. EAST	9		2			1	1		4	6		23
D.M.R. NORTH	10	1	2		1	2			7	5		28
D.M.R. NORTH CENTRAL	8	4	1	1		3			4	5		26
D.M.R. OFFICE										1		1
D.M.R. SOUTH	4		5			2			2	6		19
D.M.R. SOUTH CENTRAL	10	1	5		5	3			6	3		33
D.M.R. WEST	19	1	4		1	3	2		4	11		45
D.O.C.B.									3			3
DONEGAL	11		5		1	3		1		2	1	24
GALWAY	15		2		3	4	2	1	3	3		33
GARDA COLLEGE		3	1				2		2	12		20
KERRY	22		1		6	2			1	3		35
KILDARE	3	2	1			1	1		3	1		12
KILKENNY/CARLOW	4					2			3	1		10
LAOIS / OFFALY	5	2	3		1	1			5	7		24
LIMERICK	1		4		7	2			6	1		21

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LOUTH	8											8
MAYO	5		5		1	3			3	2		19
MEATH	9		2			5	1		1	3		21
OPERATIONAL SUPPORT UNIT				1	1		1			4		7
ROSCOMMON / LONGFORD	7		2	1		4						14
SLIGO / LEITRIM	8		2		1				1	4		16
TIPPERARY	21	1	1			2		1	1	4		31
TRAFFIC DIVISION (DMR)	2								3			5
WATERFORD	18	1							3	4		26
WESTMEATH	6	1								4		11
WEXFORD	8		1	2		1			3	4		19
WICKLOW		1	1		1	1			2	3		9
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Number of Gardai injured on Duty in 2018 by Division/Nature of Injury (as of 21/05/19)

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LIMERICK	2	5	3						5	3		18
LOUTH	6	1	3		1				4	3		18
MAYO	4	1			1				3			9
MEATH	12	1		1		1			4	1		20
OPERATIONAL SUPPORT UNIT		2		2			4					8
ROSCOMMON / LONGFORD	3	3	2				2		1	3		14
SLIGO / LEITRIM	5	2	1	2	1				4	2		17
TECHNICAL BUREAU			1							1		2
TIPPERARY	28	3	1	4		2		1	2	2	1	44
TRAFFIC DIVISION (DMR)	1		1						2	3		7
WATERFORD	18	1	2			1				1		23
WESTMEATH	3	1	1	2					2	1		10
WEXFORD	8	4	1		1	2	1		3	3		23
WICKLOW	1	2		1		1				2		7
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