Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000190-2019
Request Granted

Dear,

I refer to your request, dated and received on 4th June, 2020 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:

Could you provide me with the following information under the FOI Act 2014

- The number of competitions for Garda Members to join each Divisional Roads Policing Unit that were held in 2018, 2019 and to-date in 2020 in tabular form.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 10th June, 2020.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt, details of your request were forwarded to the Competitions Office, Human Resources & People Development Section of An Garda Síochána who conducted a search for records containing the information you have requested.
Please find table below which sets out the Roads Policing Unit competitions held from 2018 to date. One Divisional competition was held in this time period. The remaining competitions where held on a Regional basis. Each of these Regional competitions had a number of vacancies for both Sergeant and Garda rank within each Division for the Roads Policing Units.

As the Regional competitions were seen to fill all current and future vacancies in the Roads Policing Units up until 31st December 2020 or the 30th June 2020 depending on the Region, there have been no further competitions held since.

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*1 Divisional competition held in Cork West in 2018, all other competitions outlined were held on a Regional basis

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-000190-2020.


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: BOFIIIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000190-2020) 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.

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Please be advised that An Garda Síochána replies under Freedom of Information may be released into 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,

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

[Signature]

JUNE 2020.