

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000296-2019 Request Grant

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 18th July, 2019 and received on 19th July, 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 request:

- *The number of assaults/attacks that occurred on gardaí in the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019 (as of July 18);*
- *I would like this information broken down by the nature of each injury sustained;*
- *How many of these incidents resulted in gardaí requiring time off work;*
- *I would like the incidents to be broken down by garda division.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 7th August, 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. Records have been located in respect of your request.

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Please find attached tables Appendix A, B and D for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 (as of 22/07/2019) which detail the number of Assaults on Gardaí broken down by Division and the types of injuries sustained.

Your request also sought information on “*How many of these incidents resulted in gardaí requiring time off work*”. I wish to advise you that the Health and Safety Section of An Garda Síochána have provided Appendix C attached to this office which outlines that all incidences recorded resulted in members requiring time off work. Please note the figures provided can change due to late reporting of accidents /incidents.

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-000296-2019**.

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-000296-2019 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,

Maria Brodigan SUPERINTENDENT
MARIA BRODIGAN
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

8th AUGUST, 2019.

Appendix A

Number of Assaults on Gardai 2017/2018/2019 (as of 22/07/19)	
Year	Total
2017	190
2018	151
2019	89
Total	430

Appendix B

Number of Assaults on Gardaí by Injury Sustained 2017/2018/2019 (as of 22/07/19)											
	Bruising/ Grazes/ Bites	Closed Fracture	Dislocation	Internal Head Injuries	Internal Injuries (excluding the head)	Open Fracture (i.e. bone exposed)	Open Wounds	Other	Serious Multiple Injuries	Sprain/ Strain	Total
2017	73	21	5	1	2	1	6	18	2	61	190
2018	49	18	4	1	1		8	27	1	42	151
2019	46	7	4	1		1	4	4	1	21	89
Total	168	46	13	3	3	2	18	49	4	124	430

Number of Assaults on Gardaí resulting in time off work (Actual/anticipated calendar days unable to carry out normal duties) 2017/2018/2019 (as of 22/07/19)									
	1-3 Days	4-6 Days	7-13 Days	14-20 Days	21 Days - less than one month	One Month - less than three Months	Six Months or more	Three Months - less than six Months	Total
2017	68	18	24	5	14	35	11	15	190
2018	33	20	14	12	12	32	13	15	151
2019	30	13	11	9	5	18		3	89
Total	131	51	49	26	31	85	24	33	430

Appendix D

Number of Assaults on Gardaí by Division 2017/2018/2019 (as of 22/07/19)					
DIVISION	2017	2018	2019	Total	
CAVAN / MONAGHAN	7	10	3	20	
CLARE	1	3	1	5	
CORK CITY	11	8	1	20	
CORK NORTH	7	1	1	9	
CORK WEST	3	2	7	12	
D.M.R. EAST	8	2	1	11	
D.M.R. NORTH	9	8	8	25	
D.M.R. NORTH CENTRAL	8	5	1	14	
D.M.R. SOUTH	4	6	5	15	
D.M.R. SOUTH CENTRAL	9	6	10	25	
D.M.R. WEST	19	10	6	35	
DONEGAL	9	6		15	
GALWAY	14	8	2	24	
GARDA HQ	1	2		3	
KERRY	8	4	4	16	
KILDARE	3	2	2	7	
KILKENNY/CARLOW	2	1	3	6	
LAOIS / OFFALY	5	6		11	
LIMERICK		2	7	9	
LOUTH	8	4	3	15	
MAYO	5	3	1	9	
MEATH	8	11	3	22	
ROSCOMMON / LONGFORD	6	3	4	13	
SLIGO / LEITRIM	7	4	1	12	
TIPPERARY	10	23	3	36	
TRAFFIC DIVISION (DMR)	2	1	1	4	
WATERFORD	8	1	2	11	
WESTMEATH	5	2	1	8	
WEXFORD	3	7	5	15	
WICKLOW			3	3	
Total	190	151	89	430	