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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000312-2019 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 1st August, 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:

- 1/ The number of stables currently in the Garda Mounted Unit*
- 2/ The number of Garda Staff by job title working in the Garda Mounted Unit as of 31 July 2019*
- 3/ The number of vacancies by job title normally filled by Garda Staff in the Mounted Unit as of 31 July 2019*
- 4/ The number of kennels in each station or location for the Garda Dog Unit*
- 5/ The number of Garda Staff by job title working in the Garda Dog Unit as of 31 July 2019*
- 6/ The number of vacancies by job title normally filled by Garda Staff in the Garda Dog Unit as of 31 July 2019*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to **grant** your request on the 22nd August, 2019.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision.

Details of your request were forwarded to the relevant sections of An Garda Síochána who conducted a search of their records and have identified the following information.

We have been advised that there are 15 stables in the Garda Mounted Unit. As of 15th August, 2019 there are 14 Garda Staff attached to the Garda Mounted Unit. This comprises of 1 Sergeant and 13 Garda members. In addition, there are two grooms attached the Garda Mounted Unit. At present there are vacancies for one Sergeant and three Garda members in the Garda Mounted Unit.

There are a total of 10 dog kennels in the Garda Dog Unit. The location for the 10 kennels are 6 kennels in Kilmainham, Dublin 8, 2 Kennels in the Garda Dog Unit in Henry St, Limerick and 2 Kennels in the Garda Dog Unit, Togher, Co. Cork. As of 15th August, 2019 there are 15 Garda Staff attached to the Garda Dog Units which comprises of two Sergeants and thirteen Garda members. There is currently a vacancy for one Garda member in the Garda Dog Unit.

In addition, there are two Clerical Officers attached to the Operational Support Services who provide administrative support the Garda Mounted Unit and the Garda Dog Unit.

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-000312-2019**.

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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 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 me by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,

Maria Brodigan ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
MARIA BRODIGAN
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

22nd AUGUST, 2019.