

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000331-2019 Request part-grant

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 9th 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:

- *I am writing to you to with a freedom of information request regarding how much has been spent by An Garda Siochana on pride and lgbt initiatives.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part grant your request on the 3rd September, 2019.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt, details of your request were forwarded to the relevant sections within An Garda Síochána who conducted a search for records containing the information you have requested. As your request seeks information that was answered in a previous FOI request I am refusing under Section 15 (1)(d) to supply you the records for "*how much has been spent by An Garda Siochana on pride and lgbt initiatives*" as they are already in the public domain.

15(1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where

(d) the information is already in the public domain.

You may access the previous request by following the attached link where the FOI decision letter for FOI-000325-2019 are published;

<https://www.garda.ie/en/information-centre/freedom-of-information/decision-log/decision-letter-foi-000325-2019.pdf>

However, in addition to records provided in the previous request, the Finance Directorate have provided this office with the following table. For a number of years An Garda Síochána subscribed as a member to the Gay & Lesbian Equality Network (GLEN). This network is no longer in existence. The table below sets out the subscriptions made by An Garda Síochána to GLEN.

Vendor Name	Subhead Item Desc	Invoice Date	Balance
GAY & LESBIAN EQUALITY NETWORK	Contributions to Organisations (incl subscription fees)	06-Jan-2015	2,500.00
GLEN LTD	Contributions to Organisations (incl subscription fees)	15-Dec-2015	2,500.00
GLEN LTD	Contributions to Organisations (incl subscription fees)	13-Dec-2016	3,500.00

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-000331-2019**.

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Please note that a fee applies. This fee has been set at €30 (€10 fee 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-000331-2019) 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

 **5th SEPTEMBER, 2019.**