

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000335-2018 Request Granted

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2018 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by An Garda Síochána. This office requested clarification which was received on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2018. In this regard your request will commence from this date.

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:

*All data pertaining to the number of assaults on staff of An Garda Síochána whilst on duty for the period of 2015-2018, including, if possible, their rank, station location and type of assault and any injury incurred*

Clarified request:

*All data pertaining to the number of assaults on members of An Garda Síochána whilst on duty for the period of 2015-2018, including, if possible, their rank, station location and type of assault and any injury incurred*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2018.

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.

Please find attached tables that details the Occupational Injuries incurred by members of An Garda Síochána as a result of Assault whilst on duty in the year 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018 (as of 13/08/18).

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-000335-2018**.

***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:** BOFIIIE2D

**You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000335-2018 is included in the payment details.**

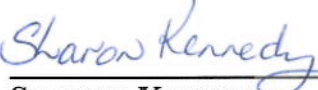
You should submit your request for an Internal Review within 4 weeks from the date of this notification. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of An Garda Síochána and the decision will be communicated to you within 3 weeks. The making of a late appeal 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](http://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,

 **SUPERINTENDENT**  
**SHARON KENNEDY**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**  
03 **SEPTEMBER, 2018**



Occupational Injuries incurred by staff of An Garda Síochána as a result of Assault by Divisional/Injury Type 2015										
DIVISION	Bruising/ Grazes/ Bites	Closed Fracture	Dislocation	Infection	Internal Head Injuries	Internal Injuries (excluding the head)	Open Wounds	Other	Sprain/ Strain	Total
CAVAN / MONAGHAN	1							2	3	6
CLARE	4						1			5
CORK CITY	4	2		2			3	1	3	15
CORK NORTH	1	2						1	3	7
CORK WEST	1							1	3	5
D.M.R. EAST	2						1		2	5
D.M.R. NORTH	9	5		1			1	5	9	30
D.M.R. NORTH CENTRAL	1						1		1	3
D.M.R. SOUTH	6	2					1	1	3	13
D.M.R. SOUTH CENTRAL	5	2				1	2	1	4	15
D.M.R. WEST	17	1		2		1	1	4	7	33
DONEGAL	1								2	3
GALWAY	15	1						7	1	24
GARDA HEADQUARTERS									1	1
KERRY	16							5	4	25
KILDARE	1						1		2	4
KILKENNY/CARLOW	1	1						2	2	6
LAOIS / OFFALY	4				1		2	1	1	9
LIMERICK	4	1					1	1	1	8
LOUTH	4	2			1			3	1	11
MAYO	2									2
MEATH	5	1						1	3	10
ROSCOMMON / LONGFORD	3						1	1		5

DIVISION	Bruising/ Grazes/ Bites	Closed Fracture	Dislocation	Infection	Internal Head Injuries	Internal Injuries (excluding the head)	Open Wounds	Other	Sprain/ Strain	Total
SLIGO / LETRIM	4								2	6
TIPPERARY	6	2					1	1	4	14
TRAFFIC DIVISION (DMR)									1	1
WATERFORD	17						1	6	4	28
WESTMEATH									1	2
WEXFORD	4							1	1	6
WICKLOW								1	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>304</b>

## Occupational Injuries incurred by staff of An Garda Síochána as a result of Assault by Rank 2015

RANK	No
Garda	274
Inspector	1
Reserve Garda	3
Sergeant	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>304</b>



DIVISION	Bruising/ Grazes/ Bites	Closed Fracture	Dislocation	Infection	Internal Injuries (excluding the head)	Open Fracture (i.e. bone exposed)	Open Wounds	Other	Sprain/ Strain	Total
WATERFORD	10	1				1	3	9	6	30
WESTMEATH	3	1						2	4	8
WEXFORD	2	1	1					2	2	8
WICKLOW								2		2
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>283</b>

## Occupational Injuries incurred by staff of An Garda Síochána as a result of Assault by Rank - 2016

RANK	NO
Garda	253
Inspector	1
Reserve Garda	2
Sergeant	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>283</b>







DIVISION	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
WATERFORD	5	2			1			8		2	18
WESTMEATH	2							1		2	6
WEXFORD	6	1						1			8
<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>257</b>

Occupational Injuries incurred by staff of An Garda Síochána as a result of Assault by Rank 2017

RANK	NO
Garda	238
Inspector	1
Sergeant	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>257</b>

## Occupational Injuries incurred by staff of An Garda Síochána as a result of Assault by Divisional/Injury Type

2018 (as of 13/08/18)

DIVISION	Bruising/ Grazes/ Bites	Closed Fracture	Dislocation	Infection	Internal Head Injuries	Internal Injuries (excluding the head)	Open Wounds	Other	Serious Multiple Injuries	Sprain/ Strain	Total
CAVAN/ MONAGHAN	1	1									2
CLARE	2	1						1			4
CORK CITY		1									1
CORK NORTH		1									1
CORK WEST										2	2
D.M.R. EAST	1						1		1		3
D.M.R. NORTH								1		1	2
D.M.R. NORTH CENTRAL	1							2			3
D.M.R. SOUTH						1				1	2
D.M.R. SOUTH CENTRAL							1	2			4
D.M.R. WEST	3									1	4
DONEGAL							1				1
GALWAY	1	2			1		1	1	1		7
GARDA HEADQUARTERS								1			1
KERRY	8	1		1	2			1		2	15
KILKENNY/CARLOW	1										1
LAOIS / OFFALY	3										3
LOUTH	1							3		1	5
MAYO	2										2
MEATH	2							2		3	7

DIVISION	Bruising/ Grazes/ Bites	Closed Fracture	Dislocation	Infection	Internal Head Injuries	Internal Injuries (excluding the head)	Open Wounds	Other	Serious Multiple Injuries	Sprain/ Strain	Total
ROSCOMMON / LONGFORD			1							1	1
SLIGO / LEITRIM										1	1
TIPPERARY	8						1	1		1	11
WATERFORD	6						1	3		1	11
WEXFORD	2		1				1				4
WICKLOW										1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>99</b>

## Occupational Injuries incurred by staff of An Garda Síochána as a result of Assault by Rank 2018 (as of 13.08.18)

RANK	NO
Garda	92
Inspector	1
Sergeant	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>