

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000408-2019 Request Part-Grant

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 and received on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 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:

- *The number of complaints of workplace bullying of gardaí received by An Garda Síochána in (i) 2016, (ii) 2017, (iii) 2018 and (iv) so far in 2019 - along with the number of these (in each year) that were sent forward for investigation, and the number of which resulted in disciplinary action, and information on the nature of the disciplinary action. I would also like a breakdown by gender of all of the above stats.*
- *The number of complaints of workplace harassment of gardaí received by An Garda Síochána in (i) 2016, (ii) 2017, (iii) 2018 and (iv) so far in 2019 - along with the number of these (in each year) that were sent forward for investigation, and the number of which resulted in disciplinary action, and information on the nature of the disciplinary action. I would also like a breakdown by gender of all of the above stats.*
- *The number of complaints of workplace sexual harassment of gardaí received by An Garda Síochána in (i) 2016, (ii) 2017, (iii) 2018 and (iv) so far in 2019 - along with the number of these (in each year) that were sent forward for investigation, and the number of which resulted in disciplinary action, and information on the nature of the disciplinary action. I would also like a breakdown by gender of all of the above stats.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

### 1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt, your request was forwarded to the Human Resource Management (HRM) Section of An Garda Síochána. HRM have provided records to this Office in response to your request.

The tables below provide the details of the records as requested in your Freedom of Information request.

Number of workplace Bullying complaints				
Year	2016	2017	2018	*2019
<b>Male</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>
<i>Forward for Investigation</i>	3	3	8	4
<b>Female</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>
<i>Forward for Investigation</i>	0	4	5	2
<b>Total by Year</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>

Number of workplace Harassment complaints				
Year	2016	2017	2018	*2019
<b>Male</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>Forward for Investigation</i>	0	0	0	0
<b>Female</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>Forward for Investigation</i>	0	0	0	0
<b>Total by Year</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Number of workplace Sexual Harassment complaints				
Year	2016	2017	2018	*2019
<b>Male</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>Forward for Investigation</i>	0	0	0	0
<b>Female</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>Forward for Investigation</i>	0	0	2	0
<b>Total by Year</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

\*2019 up to 24.10.19



Please be advised that the records provided in this request may differ from those provided in previous Freedom of Information requests due to the reclassification of a complaint or the resolution of a complaint through mediation.

Your request also sought *'the number of investigations which resulted in disciplinary action, and information on the nature of the disciplinary action'*. This office has been advised that none of the investigations resulted in disciplinary action and I am therefore refusing this part of your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(a) which states:

***Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests***

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

***(a) The record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken.***

## **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-000408-2019**.

***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 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-000408-2019) 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](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 the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,

Maria Brodigan ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL  
MARIA BRODIGAN  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019.