

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000427-2018 Request Refused

**Dear**

I refer to your request, dated 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 and received on the 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 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 gardaí who are members of ethnic minorities, broken down by ethnic group (African, Middle-eastern, Asian etc).*
- 2) *The number of gardaí sworn in the last two years who are members of ethnic minorities, broken down by ethnic group.*
- 3) *The number of gardaí who are members of the Travelling community*
- 4) *The number of gardaí sworn in the last two years who are members of the Travelling community*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2018.

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The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

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

Upon receipt, a search was conducted in the Human Resources Section of An Garda Síochána for records relating to your request.

No records have been identified as a result of this search. The Human Resources Section does not record the ethnic origin or ethnic background of applicants for An Garda Síochána.

Therefore, I am refusing part 1,2,3 and 4 of your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 which states:

### ***Section 15 – 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-000427-2018**.

***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:** BOFIE2D

**You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000427-2018) 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**

22 **OCTOBER, 2018.**