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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000002-2024 Request Part-Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 1st January, 2024 and received on 2nd January, 2024 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:

Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following:

- the amount levied in fines for non-wearing of masks for each garda district for the calendar year 2021, 2022.*
- the amount collected in fines for non-wearing of masks for each garda district for the calendar year 2021, 2022.*
- the amount of fines written off for non-wearing of masks for each garda district for the calendar year 2021, 2022.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 29th January, 2024. The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt, your request was forwarded to the relevant section within An Garda Síochána who have provided records to this Office in response to your request.

I am refusing your request for records relating to 2021 and do so in accordance with Section 15(1)(i)(i) which states;

15. (1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where –
- (i) the request relates to records already released, either to the same or a previous requester where –
 - (i) the records are available to the requestor concerned

Records in respect of levies for non-wearing of masks for 2021 where released to you previously on foot of your FOI request FOI-000100-2022 and are also available on the Garda website www.garda.ie

I can advise that 8 fines were issued for the non-wearing of a mask in 2022. The fine amount is €80, which gives a total amount levied in fines as €640. The table below provides a breakdown of the Districts where the fines were issued.

District	Fines levied 2022
Bantry	2
Killarney	2
Ballymun	1
Claremorris	1
Kildare	1
Lucan	1

Furthermore I can advise 3 fines were paid in 2022. The fine amount is €80, which gives a total amount paid in fines of €240. The table below details the records.

District	Fines paid 2022
Bantry	2
Lucan	1

A total of 32 fines were terminated or were statute barred in 2021. None had this status in 2022. The 32 fines in 2021 are broken down by Garda District as follows:

District	Fines terminated/statute barred 2021
Kevin Street	6
Kells Ceanannus Mor	3
Ennis	3
Anglesea Street	2
Henry Street	2
Ballymun	2
Blanchardstown	2
Wicklow	2

Pearse Street	1
Lucan	1
Listowel	1
Drogheda	1
Carlow	1
Nenagh	1
Trim	1
Granard	1
Killarney	1
Gurranabraher	1

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-000002-2024.

Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Johnstown, Navan, Co. Meath C15 ND62

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: An Garda Síochána Imprest Account
Account Number: 30000302
Sort Code: 951599
IBAN: IE28DABA95159930000302
BIC: DABAIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000002-2024) 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,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

29th

JANUARY, 2024.