

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000038-2024 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 24th January, 2024 and received on 25th 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:

A record of all training or other services provided by Common Purpose Ireland to Departmental Staff since 2015, along with a record of all payments made for the provision of such services.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 20th February 2024. The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt, your request was forwarded to the relevant section of An Garda Síochána to retrieve the information requested by you and a number of records have been identified.

The table below sets out the services provided by Common Purpose Ireland to Garda personnel since 2015.

Vendor Name	Amount	Date paid
Common Purpose (IRL) LTD	€4,125	26/11/2019
Common Purpose (IRL) LTD	€1,500	01/12/2020
Common Purpose (IRL) LTD	€1,500	17/12/2020
Common Purpose (IRL) LTD	€1,500	21/01/2021
Common Purpose (IRL) LTD	€3,800	19/10/2023
Common Purpose (IRL) LTD	€2,500	19/10/2023
Common Purpose (IRL) LTD	€1,500	28/09/2023
Common Purpose (IRL) LTD	€3,000	28/12/2023

There are no records of payments to Common Purpose (IRL) Ltd from 2015 – 2018.

The courses provided by Common Purpose (IRL) Ltd to An Garda Síochána were as follows:

- The Common Purpose Programme for Emerging Leaders
- High Potential Leaders Programme
- Programme for High Potential Leaders

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-000038-2024**.

Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, 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-000038-2024 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



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