



An Garda Síochána
Ag Coinneáil Daoine Sábháilte - Keeping People Safe

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000291-2026
Request Part-grant

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 29th May, 2026 and received on 2nd June, 2026 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 Freedom Of Information Act 2014, I request the following relating to the National Garda Vetting Bureau:

1. *Out of the disclosures made under the vetting process for the respective years 2022 - 2025 inclusive, how many disclosures were made in each year referring to the same persons.*
 - a) *Please provide this information as number of persons who had x number of disclosures made about them within a year where possible.*

2. *In the respective years 2022-2025 inclusive, how many cases of wrongful provision of past addresses in the vetting process by the to be vetted person were investigated by An Garda Síochána.*
 - a) *Please provide this information as cases investigated per year where possible.*
 3. *In the respective years 2022-2025 inclusive, please provide number of staff assigned to the National Vetting Bureau for the processing of vetting applications in each quarter.*
 - a) *Please provide this information as FTE (Full Time Equivalent) per grade and assignment.*
 4. *In the respective years 2022-2025 inclusive, please provide the mean turn around time from reception of past addresses to a disclosure being made in days.*
 - a) *Please provide this information as number of days per month.*
- I would kindly ask you to direct all communications in writing to the following email address: mail@jonaskumm.ie*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on 25th June, 2026. The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

On receipt of your request, it was forwarded to the HR Section of An Garda Síochána, who have provided the figures below.

Number of Garda Personnel (FTE) assigned to the National Vetting Bureau by Quarters from 2022 - 2025				
	2022	2023	2024	2025
Q1 Garda Members	9.00	10.00	14.00	16.00
Q1 Garda Staff	144.79	155.44	152.74	158.73
Q2 Garda Members	9.00	11.00	15.00	15.00
Q2 Garda Staff	152.07	148.34	154.02	154.03
Q3 Garda Members	9.00	11.00	15.00	15.00
Q3 Garda Staff	156.44	145.44	158.83	152.19
Q4 Garda Members	9.00	13.00	15.00	17.00
Q4 Garda Staff	155.94	149.24	158.63	153.66

I am refusing all other parts of your request as they do not come within the ambit of this partially included agency as set out in Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act.

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HR records refer to personal records of staff working within An Garda Síochána. They also relate to statistical information in respect of the organisation, e.g. sick leave, discipline, retirements, etc. Financial records relate to the financial expenditure of the organisation and

procurement records relate to the contracting of services and the tendering process associated with same.

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-000291-2026**.

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

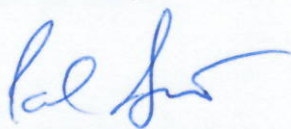
You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000291-2026 is included in the payment details.

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

25 JUNE, 2026.