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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000028-2015

Request Refusal – Out of Scope

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and your submission to An Garda Síochána dated the 17th January 2016 and received on the 19th January 2016

Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 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 is shown below:

1. *“All correspondence concerning the number of alleged sexual offences in Irish schools reported to An Garda Síochána in each of the past four years.*
2. *All correspondence concerning the nature of each alleged assault, and the number in primary and secondary schools.*
3. *All correspondence concerning alleged assaults carried out by other children in schools, as well as the ages of the children involved.”*

I, Helen Deely, Superintendent wish to inform you that your request **has been refused**.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Your request seeks information relating to criminal investigations and does not relate to an administrative record held by An Garda Síochána for the purposes of human resources, finance or procurement. As your request is not within the scope of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, insofar as it relates to An Garda Síochána, I cannot grant your request.

However the Central Statistics Office may be able to provide statistical information on this matter and they can be contacted by email at crime@csso.ie. Information may also be available on their website at www.cso.ie.

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-000028-2015**.

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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

Your must ensure that your FOI reference number 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 me by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



(HELEN DEELY)
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

20th January 2016