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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000104-2016 Request Refusal

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and your submission to this body dated 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and received on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

Part 1(n) 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 sought:

“Any documents pertaining to Garda in Counties Limerick, Dublin, Cork, Galway, including the amount of money paid to police informers and the amount of cases solved with their assistance over the period from January, 2015 to March, 2016.”

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

I am aware that a member of my staff was in contact with you by email on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2016 regarding this request and you have clarified that you are seeking ‘Any documents pertaining to Gardaí in Limerick, Dublin, Cork and Galway in relation to money paid to police informers and the amount of cases solved with their assistance over the period from January, 2015 to March, 2016.’

I am refusing your request on the basis that this Act does not apply to a record held or created by An Garda Síochána that relates to intelligence gathering operations as outlined below:

**Section 42(b)(v)&(vi) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014:**

*Restriction of Act*

42. This Act does not apply to—

*(b) a record held or created by the Garda Síochána that relates to any of the following:*

*(v) the Security and Intelligence Section;*

*(vi) the management and use of covert intelligence operations;*

In accordance with the requirements of Section 42(b)(v)&(vi) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 I am refusing your request.

**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 **F01-000104-2016**.

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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:** IE86B0F190001710026896  
**BIC:** BOFIIIE2D

**You 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](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  
**HELEN DEELY**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

**11<sup>th</sup> March 2016**