

An Garda Síochána

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Láithreán Gréasain/Website:
www.garda.ie

Ríomh-phoist:/Email: foi@garda.ie

Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000275-2016 Refusal

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 22/07/2016 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2014 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:

- *Please can you email me with details on the number of children who have been rescued from child sex rings in the Republic of Ireland in the last three years, including the location in which they were rescued and the age of each child.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 28th July 2016.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions to deny access

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I am therefore refusing your request as it falls outside the scope of the FOI Act insofar as it pertains to An Garda Síochána.

However, the information you seek may be available from the Central Statistics Office which receives crime-related data from An Garda Síochána, and can be contacted at Skehard Road, Cork, T12 XOOE, Ireland. The Central Statistics Office can be emailed at crime@csso.ie and their website address is www@csso.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 **F01-000275-2016**.

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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: BOFIE2D

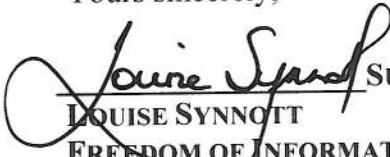
You must ensure that your FOI reference number is included in the payment details.

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. 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
LOUISE SYNNOTT
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER
4th AUGUST, 2016.