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www.garda.ie

Ríomh-phoist/Email: foi@garda.ie

Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000295-2016 Refusal

Dear .

I refer to your request, dated the 3rd August 2016 and received on the 4th August 2016 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:

- 1. How many sex criminals are there on the sex offenders list at the moment?*
- 2. How many sex criminals were there on the sex offenders list on 03/08/15?*
- 3. How many sex criminals were there on the sex offenders list on 03/08/14?*
- 4. How many sex criminals were there on the sex offenders list on 03/08/13?*
- 5. How many sex criminals were there on the sex offenders list on 03/08/12?*
- 6. How many sex criminals were there on the sex offenders list on 03/08/11?*
- 7. How many sex criminals were there on the sex offenders list on 03/08/10?*
- 8. How many sex criminals were there on the sex offenders list on 03/08/09?*

9. *How many sex criminals were there on the sex offenders list on 03/08/08?*
10. *How many sex criminals were there on the sex offenders list on 03/08/07?*
11. *How many sex criminals were there on the sex offenders list on 03/08/06?*
12. *How many sex criminals were there on the sex offenders list on 03/08/05?*
13. *How many sex criminals were there on the sex offenders list on 03/08/04?*
14. *How many sex criminals were there on the sex offenders list on 03/08/03?*
15. *How many sex criminals were there on the sex offenders list on 03/08/02?*
16. *How many times so far in 2016 have Gardai had to inform authorities in another country that a sex offender is leaving Ireland to go to their country?*

I have decided to refuse your request on the 8th of August 2016.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

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

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 is in relation to an operational policing matter which is a core function of An Garda Síochána. Records relating to the core functions of An Garda Síochána are excluded from the ambit of the FOI Act.

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, information in relation to the management of convicted sex offenders is available on the Garda website at the following URL:

<http://www.garda.ie/Controller.aspx?Page=5896>

Furthermore, crime statistics in relation to sexual offences is available from the Central Statistics Office (CSO) who receive all crime related data from An Garda Síochána. The CSO can be contacted at Skehard Road, Cork, T12 XOOE, Ireland.

They can be emailed at crime@cs0.ie and their web address is www@cs0.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-000295-2016**.

Freedom of Information Office,
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IDA Business Park,
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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 (FOI-000295-2016) 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**
HELEN DEELY
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

 **AUGUST 2016**