

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000434-2016 Request Refused

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 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. Who is the details of your Force Lead for Digital Policing?
2. How many intelligence analysts does your Force employ?
3. How many Body Worn Videos/Cameras does your Force have?
4. How many officers/staff does your Force have who are trained in Facial Recognition?
5. How many officers/staff does your Force have who are trained in Predictive Analysis?
6. How many officers/staff does your Force have who are trained in Crime Mapping?
7. How many warranted officers does your Force employ.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

## 1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision.

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 seeking information pertaining to operational Garda matters and is not considered an administrative record and does not come within the ambit of this partially included agency as set out in Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act.

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

With regard to question 7 of your request I can tell you that this information is published in the Garda Síochána Annual report which is available at the link below. <http://garda.ie/Controller.aspx?Page=16448&Lang=1> . As the information is already in the public domain on an annual basis section 15(1)(d) of the FOI Act, which is shown below, is relevant.

### *Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests*

15. (1) *A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where—*

(d) *the information is already in the public domain,*

## 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 **F01-000434-2016**.

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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 FOI-000434-2016 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](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.**

**8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016**