

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000298-2023 Request Granted

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 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:

*I wish to request the following information in relation to Garda numbers for Co Meath only, under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI ACT).*

- 1. The number of Gardai attached to the division and a break down per station.*
- 2. Number of new recruits in the division in the last 4 years.*
- 3. Number of retired and resigned Gardai in the division in the last 4 years.*
- 4. Number of Gardai deemed non effective or on restricted duties by Garda Chief Medical Officer.*
- 5. Number of Gardai eligible for retirement in the next 2 years.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2023. The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

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## 1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

On receipt your request was forwarded to the relevant section within An Garda Síochána who conducted a search for records relating to your request. Please find the tables below which provide the records sought in Parts 1, 2 and 3 of your request.

Meath Division Strengths		
District	Station	Total
Ashbourne	Ashbourne	58
	Duleek	6
	Dunboyne	9
	Dunshaughlin	22
	Laytown	23
<b>ASHBOURNE Total</b>		<b>118</b>
Kells	Baile Átha Buí	3
	Kells	34
	Oldcastle	3
<b>KELLS Total</b>		<b>40</b>
Navan	Navan	91
	Nobber	3
	Slane	8
<b>NAVAN Total</b>		<b>102</b>
Trim	Ballivor	1
	Enfield	3
	Longwood	1
	Summerhill	1
	Trim	47
<b>TRIM Total</b>		<b>53</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>313</b>

Meath Division				
	2020	2021	2022	2023*
New Recruits	25	3	16	7
Retirements	9	4	11	4
Resignations	0	5	1	5

\*As of 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

In relation to Part 4 of your request, there are 14 members currently deemed non effective/restricted duties by the Garda Chief Medical Officer.

With regard to Part 5 of your request the table below provides the number of members who are fifty years of age and have thirty years' service and are eligible to retire on full pension and

gratuity. This is an indicative number only as members may have availed of unpaid leave which GEMS may not have recorded. Furthermore unpaid leave does not count towards service.

<b>Eligible to Retire</b>			
	<b>31-Dec-2023</b>	<b>31-Dec-2024</b>	<b>31-Dec-2025</b>
Total	11	14	16

## 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-000298-2023**.

**Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 ND62.**

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:** An Garda Síochána Imprest Account

**Account Number:** 30000302

**Sort Code:** 951599

**IBAN:** IE28DABA95159930000302

**BIC:** DABAIE2D

**You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000298-2023 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 the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**PAUL BASSETT**

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

**25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2023.**