

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000372-2023 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 2nd November, 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 would like to obtain the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

How many gardaí in Donegal Division have taken sick leave in the first six months of this year?

Can I have a breakdown of the length of time gardaí in Donegal Division have taken sick leave in the first six months of this year, for example, one week, one month etc?

What are the reasons cited for sick leave in the first six months of this year, for example, injury at work, stress, mental health difficulties?

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 22nd November 2023. The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt, your request was forwarded to the relevant section of An Garda Síochána to retrieve the information requested by you. I have been advised that sickness absences are

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recorded and reported under the following categories – Critical Illness, Occupational Injury/Illness Arising from Duty and Ordinary Illness.

The tables below provide the records you seek in relation to days lost to illness by Garda members in the Donegal Division in the first six months of 2022.

Garda Members absent due to sick leave 01.01.2023 – 30.06.2023	
Critical Illness Category	
Critical Illness	2
Occupational Injury/Illness arising from Duty Category	
Injury on Duty: Accident	8
Injury on Duty: RTA	1
Malicious Injury on Duty	3
Occupational Illness arising from Duty	1
Ordinary Illness Category	
Flu/Viral	160
Musculoskeletal	3
Not Provided	39
Other - Please Specify:	15
Pregnancy Related	5
Surgery/Post Op	3

Sick Leave Statistics as recorded on SAMS and reported @ 20.11.2023

Instances of sick leave in the Donegal Division 01.01.2023 – 30.06.2023	
0 – 28 days	494 Instances of sick leave
29 – 92 days	17 Instances of sick leave
93 – 183 days	15 Instances of sick leave

Sick Leave Statistics as recorded on SAMS and reported @ 20.11.2023

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-000372-2023**.

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-000372-2023 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

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



NOVEMBER, 2023.