

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000312-2025 Request Part-Granted

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 and received on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 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:

*Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to obtain the following information:*

- 1. How many gardaí in Donegal Division have resigned from duty in 2025 to date?*
- 2. How many gardaí in Donegal Division resigned from duty in 2024, 2023 and 2022?*
- 3. Could I have a breakdown of: (1) reasons, and (2), their ages; Under 30, under 40, under 50, under 60 and over 60; and (3) their gender.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to **part-grant** your request on the 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2025. The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

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

On receipt of your request it was forwarded to the Retirements Section of An Garda Síochána.

The table below outlines the resignations in the Donegal Division from 2022 – to date.

	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
<b>Resignations</b>	0	2	3	2	7

In accordance with Section 37 of the FOI Act I am refusing the release of records in relation to the member's gender and age range as I believe if this information was released in conjunction with the records provided in the above table the members may become identifiable.

### Section 37

Section 37(1) provides that a public body shall refuse to grant a request if access to the record concerned would involve the disclosure of personal information relating to an individual other than the requester. Furthermore, section 37(7) provides that a public body shall refuse to grant a request if access to the record concerned would, in addition to involving the disclosure of personal information relating to the requester, also involve the disclosure of personal information relating to an individual or individuals other than the requester, commonly referred to as joint personal information.

#### 2. (1) In this Act—

*“personal information” means information about an identifiable individual that, either—*

*(a) would, in the ordinary course of events, be known only to the individual or members of the family, or friends, of the individual, or*

*(b) is held by an FOI body on the understanding that it would be treated by that body as confidential,*

As per section 37 of the FOI Act I have considered the public interest issues which arise in this case and have taken account of the following factors in favour of release:

- Ensuring openness and transparency of organisational functions to the greatest possible extent,
- The public interest in members of the public exercising their rights under the FOI Act,
- That there is more than just a transitory interest by the public in this information,
- The right to privacy is outweighed by the needs of the public.

In considering the public interest factors which favour withholding the records I have taken account of the following:

- Allowing a public body to hold personal information without undue access by members of the public,
- The public interest is not best served by releasing these records,
- That the Organisation can conduct its business in a confidential manner,
- That there is a reasonable and implied expectation that sensitive personal information will remain confidential,
- That there is no overriding public interest that outweighs the individual's right to privacy.

A public interest test was carried out when considering the release of the personal information but having balanced the factors both for and against the release, I decided that the public interest in preserving the personal information and the reasonable expectation that information can be



maintained in a confidential manner by An Garda Síochána outweighs the public interest which would be served were the records released to you.

## **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-000312-2025**.

**Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Johnstown, 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-000312-2025 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,



**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**PAUL BASSETT**

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

27<sup>th</sup> **JUNE 2025**