

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000118-2024 Request Part-Granted

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 and received on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 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. Please can you provide a breakdown of all FCPNs, charges and summonses issued for the following locations in relation to road traffic offences:*

- *N17 from Knock to Ballindine; beginning at 53.780681, -8.946664 and ending at 53.677613, -8.964518*
- *L15032 at Rockfield*
- *L15037 at Rockfield*
- *L1518 at Ballybrehony South*
- *L1503 at Loughanemon/Carrowbeg*
- *L1519 at Drumneen (South)*
- *L55517 at Drumneen (South)*
- *L55517 at Ballinasmaula*
- *L5551 at Eskerlavalley*
- *L5551 at Ballinasmaula*
- *L55513 at Castlegar*

- *L55512 at Boherduff*

*(All of the above roads lead onto the N17 which is my location of interest)*

*Please can you provide a breakdown of the type of FCPNs, charges and summonses such as speeding, holding a mobile phone while driving, dangerous overtaking etc.*

*Please can you conduct a search for data from 1 January 2019 to 27 March 2024, or a date range as close to this range as possible.*

*Please can you indicate the revenue collected on foot of the FCPNs and court outcomes and the total number of penalty points endorsed on licenses during the period*

*2. Please can you also provide a copy of information relation to collisions along the N17 between Knock and Ballindine, including:*

- *The number of collisions recorded*
- *A breakdown of the status of each collision (material damage only, potential injury recorded, fatality recorded etc.)*
- *If a driving offence was suspected in the collision, and if so, the type of offence.*
- *Total number of fatalities*
- *Total number of injuries*

*3. Please can you provide information relating to the number of speed checks carried out by Garda members or by GoSafe or other personnel during the date range in question.*

*4. Please can you provide information relating to the number of checkpoints including MAT/MIT checkpoints conducted on the N17 between Knock and Ballindine and the number of arrests and vehicle seizures on foot of these checkpoints.*

*5. Please can you provide copy of any information transferred from An Garda Síochána to the Road Safety Authority in relation to road traffic policing, road traffic collision and road traffic collision and road traffic offences relating to the N17 road.*

*To confirm, the date range for all enquires is from 1 January 2019 to 27 March 2024, or a date range as close to this range as possible.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024. The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

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

Upon receipt, your request was forwarded to the relevant sections within An Garda Síochána where a number of records have been located.

In respect of part one of your request, the table below provides a breakdown of the amounts received in respect of FCPN's issued for the period 01/01/2019 – 27/03/2024 inclusive. This information is based upon operational data available on 18/04/2024 and is subject to change.

Offence Group	FCN's Issued	Fine Amount Paid €
Speed	804	74,600
Mobile Phone	390	31,980
Tax/Insurance (No Disc)	52	2,790
Driving a Vehicle Without Reasonable Consideration	11	1,120
Other	34	2,210

I am refusing the release of information on charges and summonses issued. The issuing of charges or summonses are matters in respect of the commission of criminal offenses under the Road Traffic legislation.

An Garda Síochána is for the purposes of the FOI Act defined as a partially included agency. In accordance with Part 1(n) of Schedule 1, only records held by An Garda Síochána in respect of finance, procurement and human resource matters can be considered for release under the Act. Records relating to operational policing matters fall outside the scope of the Act as it relates to An Garda Síochána and no right of access to such records exists. I am therefore obliged to refuse those parts of part one of your request which relate to the commission of criminal offenses.

Part one of your request also seeks records in respect of Court outcomes relating to road traffic offenses. Records of Court outcomes are a matter for the Courts Service and I must refuse this part of your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(a) of the Act. Section 15(1)(a) states:

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

*15(1)(a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken*

I am also refusing parts 2, 3, 4 and 5 of your request. Each of these elements of your request relate to operational policing matters as opposed to matters relating to finance, procurement or human resources.

HR records refer to personal records of staff working within An Garda Síochána. They also relate to statistical information in respect of the organisation, e.g sick leave, discipline, retirements, etc. Financial records relate to the financial expenditure of the organisation and procurement records relate to the contracting of services and the tendering process associated with same.

The information sought in these parts of your request are outside the scope of the FOI Act as it relates to An Garda Síochána as set out in Part 1 (n) Schedule 1 of the FOI Act. Therefore in accordance with Part 1(n), parts 2, 3, 4, and 5 of your request are also refused.

**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-000118-2024**.

***Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Navan, Co. Meath. C15 DR90***

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-000118-2024) 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**

25<sup>th</sup> April, 2024