

An Garda Síochána

Oifig Saorála Fáisnéise,
An Garda Síochána, Teach áth Luimnigh,
Lárionad Gnó Udáras Forbartha Tionscail,
Baile Sheáin, An Uaimh,
Contae na Mí.
C15 ND62



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

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000323-2021 Request Part-Grant

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 21st September, 2021 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:

Records of invoices or receipts held by the Longford-Roscommon Garda division for private transport costs including taxis, for the years 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021?

Records of invoices or receipts held by the Sligo-Leitrim Garda division for private transport costs including taxis, for the years 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021?

I wish to inform you that I have decided to **part-grant** your request on the 18th October 2021.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision.

Details of your request were forwarded to the relevant Sections of An Garda Síochána who conducted a search to establish what records were held in relation to your request. These

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records are now herewith attached. A number of the records have been redacted in accordance with the FOI Act and these redactions are outlined in the Schedules of Records provided.

As previously advised, 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. A number of the records contained herein do not relate to administrative records pertaining to human resources, finance or procurement and therefore they have been redacted in accordance with Part (1) of Schedule 1 of the Act.

The records that you seek also contain personal information. Under the FOI Act, records are released without any restriction as to how they may be used and thus, release, is in effect, regarded as being released to the world at large. As a result, I am conscious of my obligations to retain personal information in a confidential and secure manner and prevent personal information from being released into the public domain unnecessarily. Section 2 of the FOI Act defines personal information as follows:

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,

and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, includes

(iii) the employment or employment history of the individual

Section 37(1) of the FOI Act are as follows:

37(1) Subject to this section, a head shall refuse to grant an FOI request if, in the opinion of the head, access to the record concerned would involve the disclosure of personal information (including personal information relating to a deceased individual)

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.

Having balanced the factors both for and against the release of the information, I decided that the public interest in preserving the personal information and the reasonable expectation that information 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-000323-2021**.

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-000323-2021) 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

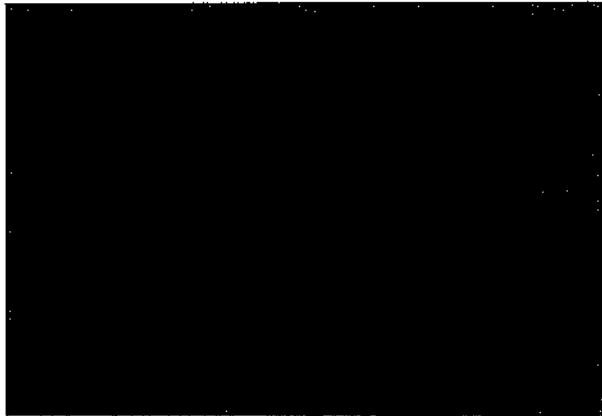
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER




OCTOBER, 2021.

| Requester Name: | | Request: FOI-000323-2021 | | | | |
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| Page No | Date | Description of document | Deletions | Relevant Section of FOI | Reason for Decision | Decision |
| 1 | 04.10.2019 | Form A8 | 7 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant |
| 2 | 11.10.2019 | Invoice | 2 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant |
| 3 | 22.01.2019 | Form A8 | 7 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant |
| 4 | 23.09.2019 | Invoice | 5 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant |
| 5 | 21.11.2019 | Confirmation of payment | 5 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant |
| 6 | 18.11.2019 | Form A8 | 7 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant |
| 7 | 23.08.2018 | Invoice | 3 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant |
| 8 | 03.09.2018 | Invoice | 3 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant |
| 9 | 19.10.2018 | Invoice | 3 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant |
| 10 | 07.11.2018 | Invoice | 3 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant |
| 11 | 07.05.2019 | Invoice | 3 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant |
| 12 | - | List of Invoices | 3 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant |

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| 13 | - | Invoice | | 2 | Section 37 | Personal Information | Part-Grant |
| 14 | 06.10.2020 | FMS1 - Payment Authorisation | | 3 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant |
| 15 | 06.03.2021 | FMS1 - Payment Authorisation | | 1 | Section 37 | Personal Information | Part-Grant |
| 16 | 22.09.2020 | Form A8 | | 6 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant |
| 17 | 22.09.2020 | Invoice | | 3 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant |
| 18 | 18.09.2019 | Invoice | | 4 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant |
| 19 | 14.05.2019 | Form A8 | | 6 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant |
| 20 | 15.05.2019 | Invoice | | 3 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant |
| 21 | 13.05.2019 | Form A8 | | 11 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant |
| 22 | 00.05.2019 | Invoice | | 7 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant |
| 23 | 15.01.2020 | Form A8 and Invoice | | 7 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant |
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11/10/19

| DESCRIPTION | TOTAL |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Sergeant's Office Roscommon Garda Station Roscommon. | |
| 4/10/19. | |
|  | 240.00 |
| <p>An Garda Síochána 14 OCT 2019 Received</p> | |
| TOTAL DUE | 240.00 |



INVOICE



| | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| To: Roscommon Garda | Date: 23/09/19 |
| | Invoice Number: 1190 |

| DATE | DESCRIPTION | BUS | PRICE |
|---------|-------------|------------|-------|
| 16/7/19 | [Redacted] | [Redacted] | €400 |
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| | | TOTAL | €400 |



Thank you for your custom!



Date 21/11/2019

Pay

One thousand, Eight Hundred and Two Euro — €1802.00

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Síochána,
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SUPERINTENDENT, OF GARDA SIOCHANA
EA NO 1 A/C



130919
Cheque No

Branch Sort Code

Account No.

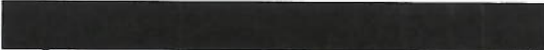
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@garda.ie

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21 November 2019

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Re: 
23/8/18, 3/9/18, 19/10/18, 7/11/18 & 7/5/19

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached cheque number 012406 for the amount of €1802.00 in respect of payment for the above.

It would be appreciated if invoices could be submitted as early as possible.

Yours faithfully,



G. Sheridan, Superintendent
T. Colsh, Inspector
K. Hanley, Inspector

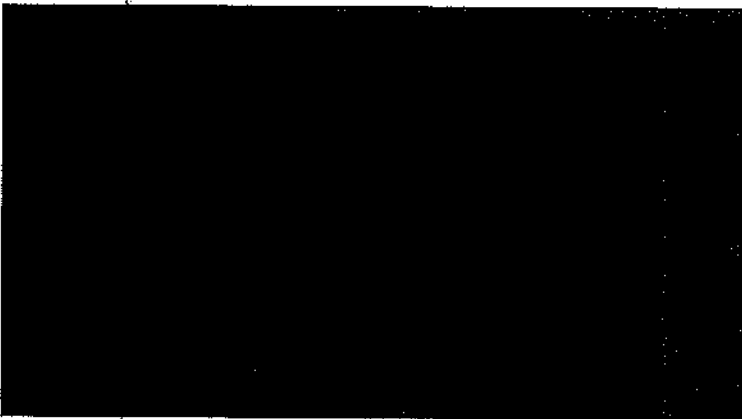


TO CASTLEREA GARDA STATION. INVOICE 159

DATE 23/08/2018..



To Letterkenny

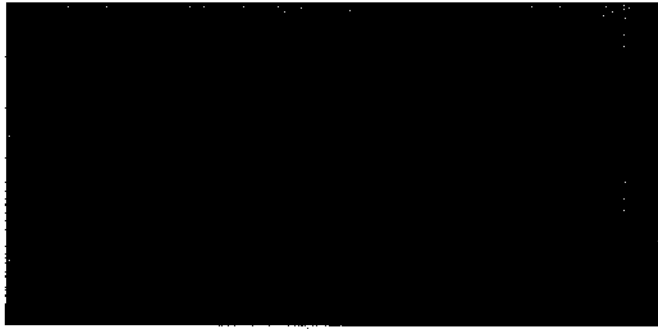


€356.00

€60.00

TOTAL DUE.

€416.00



TO CASTLEREA GARDA STATION. INVOICE 160

DATE 03/09/2018.



€384.00

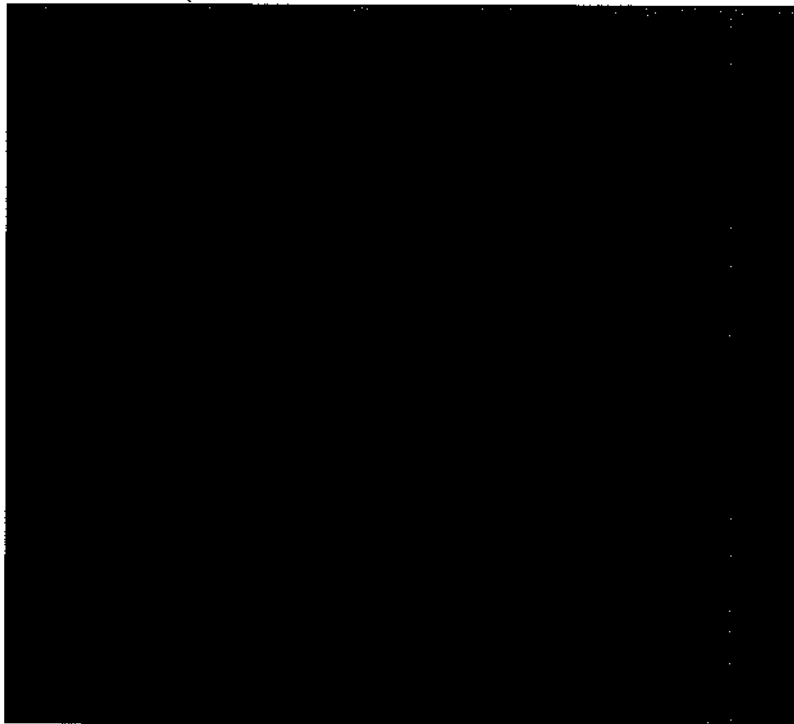
€95.00

TOTAL DUE, €479.00



TO CASTLEREA GARDA STATION. INVOICE 161

DATE 19/10/2018.



€395.00

€55.00

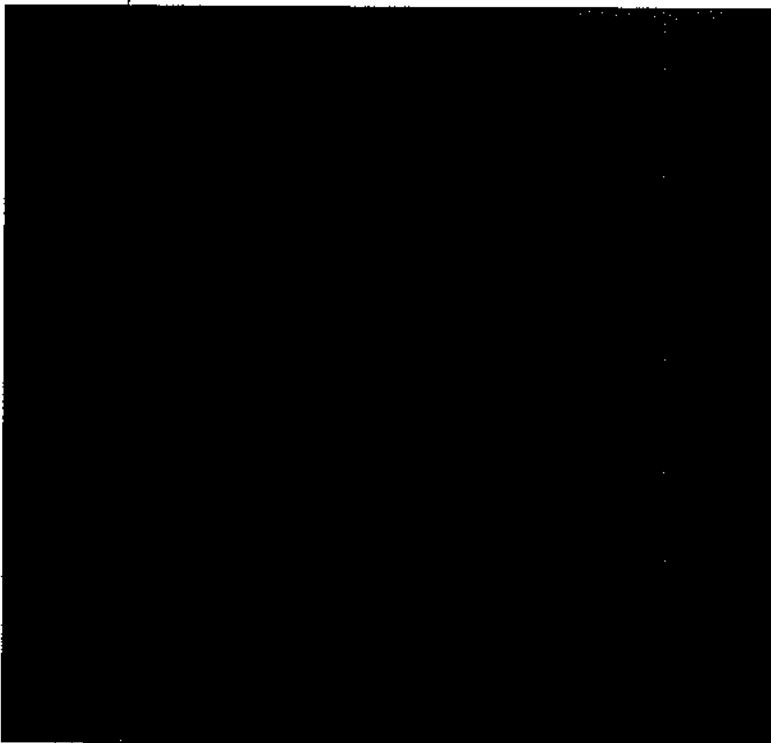
TOTAL DUE.

€450.00



TO CASTLEREA GARDA STATION. INVOICE 162

DATE 07/11/2018.



€214.00

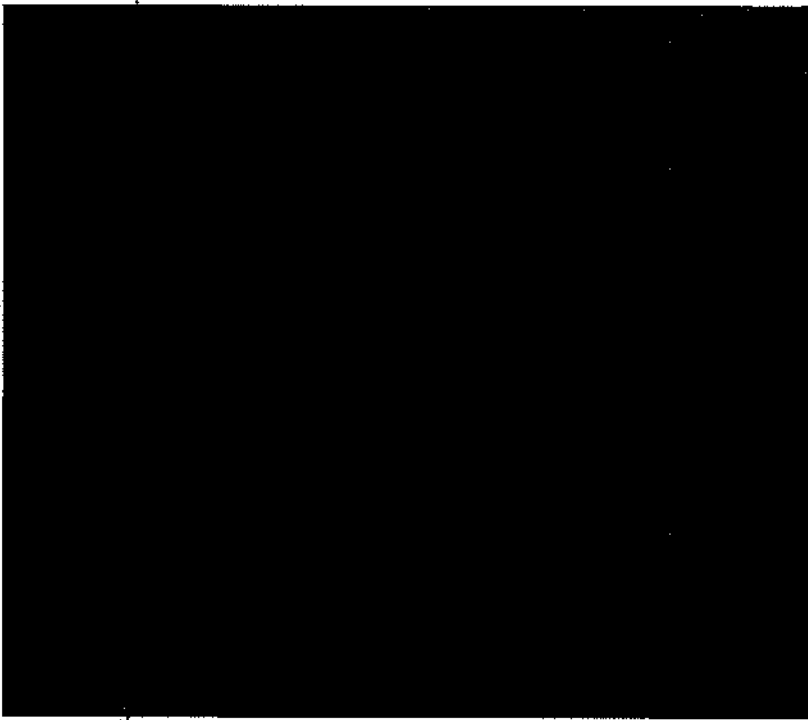
€55.00

TOTAL DUE. €269.00.



TO CASTLEREA GARDA STATION. INVOICE 163

DATE 07/05/2019.



€148.00

€55.00

TOTAL DUE.

€188.00.

INVOICE

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From

TO GARDIA STATION CASTLEBBA

| INVOICE NO | |
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| 23/8/18 | 159 |
| 03/09/18 | 160 |
| 19/10/18 | 161 |
| 07/11/18 | 162 |
| 01/05/19 | 163 |

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| € 416-00 |
| € 479-00 |
| € 450-00 |
| € 269-00 |
| € 188-00 |
| € 1.802-00 |

V.A.T.

TOTAL € 1.802-00

An Garda Síochána



Warning - On the instructions of the Accounting Officer, application for payment will not be processed by the Financial Shared Services unless this form is fully completed.

For use in the Financial Shared Services, Killarney

Supplier Number:
 Voucher Number: 06 OCT 2020
 Entered By:
 Exchange Rate: GRANAD
 Date:

FMSI - PAYMENT AUTHORISATION FORM

This form with the original invoice attached should be sent to the Supplier Payments Section

Note: The following details are mandatory on the FMSI form *

Invoice Note? Yes No
 Credit Note? Yes No

Payee*:

Address*:

Address: (For Payment, if different)

Does Withholding Tax need to be deducted in respect of professional services*? Yes No

Foreign Supplier*:

Currency*:

If Withholding Tax is applicable, quote Tax Reference Number:

Suppliers Original Invoice Reference No.:

Supplier's Delivery Note Reference No.:

Contract Reference No.:

ACCOUNTING DETAILS

*Clearly Describe (Max 20 characters) what Goods/Services have been supplied

| Line | Invoice No*: | VAT Rate*: | Sub Head Item*: | Cost Centre*: | Project/Activity: | Description Goods/Services* | Gross Amount*: |
|------|--------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 1 | 3 | | 035003 | G2470 | | | |
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Total: 100

I certify that the expenditure outlined above as invoiced, is in order for payment in accordance with the relevant regulations (tick to agree).

Prompt Payment Interest will incur 30 days from the Invoice Received Date (Date on Stamp)
 Number of days under query (exempt from Prompt Payment Interest):

Please ensure that you are authorised to sign for Cost Centre quoted. Signatory should not be the same as for the procurement over-leaf.

Authorising Officer (Signature)*

Superintendent

6 Oct 2020

Grade:


Date*

(SEAMUS BOYLE)

043-6687667

Authorising Officer (Block Capitals)*

Contact Phone No*:

| An Garda Síochána | | Warning | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
|  | | <p>On the instructions of the Accounting Officer, application for payment will not be processed by the Financial Shared Services unless this form is fully completed</p> | |
| FMS1 - PAYMENT AUTHORISATION FORM | | The following details are mandatory on the FMS1 form * | |
| 1 Department of Finance Sanction*: (A copy of the sanction must be filed on the Central Register of Sanctions in the Finance Division. Where the sanction covers more than one contract/order, a record should be maintained by the Purchasing Division to ensure that the sanction is not exceeded). | | Reference No*: N/A | |
| 2 Procurement Procedures*: All purchases are subject to tendering procedures. Please tick the appropriate box to confirm the method used in this instance. | | EU Journal (€137,900 and greater) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reason tender process not applied (if applicable) | | Written Tender (Between €50,000 and €136,999) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; width: 100%;"></div> | | 3 or more quotes by email/fax (Between €5,000 and €49,999) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Verbal quote from competitive supplier(s) (less than €5,000) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Tender process not applied (give reason opposite) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Valid Tax Clearance Certificate Where goods or services to a value of €10,000 (inclusive of VAT) in any 12 month period are supplied by one trader a Tax Clearance Certificate must be obtained. | | TCC No: | |
| | | TCC Expiry Date: | |
| 4 Declaration (Please tick the appropriate box) I certify that the appropriate procurement procedures have been complied with: | | | |
| I certify that the procurement procedures were not applicable in this case: | | | |
| Signed*: [REDACTED] (Signature) | | Phone No*: 043-6687668 | |
| Name*: YVONNE FLEESON (Block Capitals) | | Grade: Finance Officer | |
| | | Date*: 6 Oct 2020 | |
| 5 Foreign Invoices <u>When submitting foreign invoices from within the E.U. for payment, the following information should be ascertained from the supplier for transmission by the Finance Division to the Revenue Commissioners.</u> | | | |
| Does payee have an Irish VAT number? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Irish VAT No. | | | |
| The following fields are mandatory * for all foreign (imported goods) invoices: | | | |
| a. | Commodity Code* | | |
| b. | Approximate Net Weight incl. packaging (KGs)* | | |
| c. | Mode of transport by which the goods entered Ireland * (i.e. Sea/Rail/Road/Air/Post) | | |
| d. | Number of items acquired* | | |
| e. | Supplier's VAT Number | | |

voice

18th Sep 19 41

To: [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

€500

[Redacted]

Total 200 00

Date Posted 22/09/19

Attached A8 forwarded for payment please.

[Redacted]

Every person working in An Garda Síochána must observe and adhere to the standards and commitments set out in the Code of Ethics for An Garda Síochána and uphold and promote this Code throughout the organisation

Invoice

| | |
|------------|-------------|
| Tax Date | Invoice No. |
| 15/05/2019 | 13082 |

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|-------------------------------------------|
| Invoice To |
| GARDA STATION, MILL STREET, GALWAY. |

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| P.O. No. | Terms | Project |
| | | |

| Description | Amount |
|-------------|--------|
| [REDACTED] | 218.00 |

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|-------------------------------|--|------------------|---------|
| All prices quoted are in euro | | Total | €218.00 |
| Company VAT Number | | Payments/Credits | €0.00 |
| | | Balance Due | €218.00 |

| Requester Name: | | | | Request: FOI-000323-2021 | | | |
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| 3 | 12.06.2019 | Form A8 | 8 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant | |
| 4 | 14.06.2019 | Invoice | 3 | Section 37 | Personal Information | Part-Grant | |
| 5 | 27.01.2020 | Form A8 | 8 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant | |
| 6 | 28.01.2020 | Invoice | 5 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant | |
| 7 | 18.04.2021 | Form A8 | 7 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant | |
| 8 | 22.04.2021 | Invoice | 5 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant | |
| 9 | - | Pulse Record | 1 | Part 1(n) Section 1 | Out of Scope | Refused | |
| 10 | 27.09.2021 | Form A8 | 7 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant | |
| 11 | 27.09.2021 | Invoice | 3 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant | |
| 12 | 28.01.2019 | Form A8 | 8 | Part 1 (n) Section 1, Section 37 | Out of Scope, Personal Information | Part-Grant | |



Accounts Department
Garda Station
Carrick on Shannon
Co Leitrim

22/01/19

INVOICE CTGS 19/01

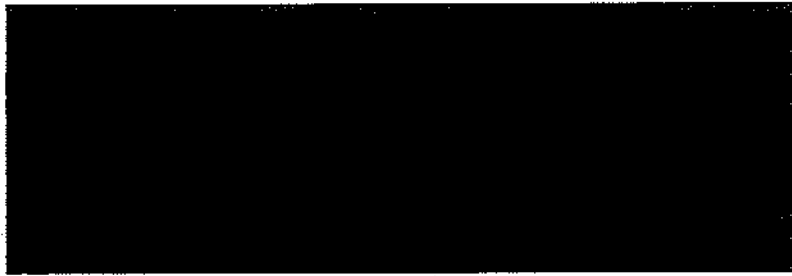
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19/01/19



Total €72.00

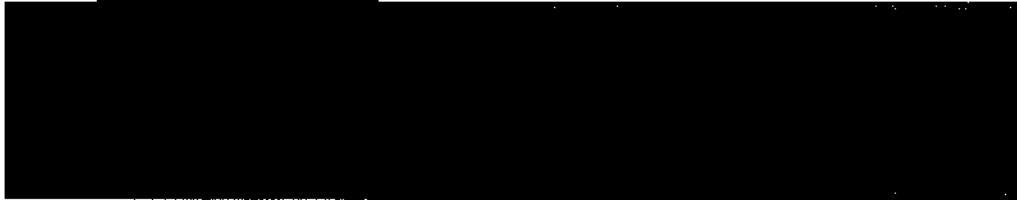


Accounts Department
Garda Station
Carrick on Shannon
Co Leitrim

28/01/20

INVOICE CTGS 01/20

Ref: 



Total €100.00



Please reference payment with your name and we will email you confirmation of payment when received.

Regards,





Accounts Department
Garda Station
Carrick on Shannon
Co Leitrim

22/04/21

INVOICE CTGS 04/21

Ref:



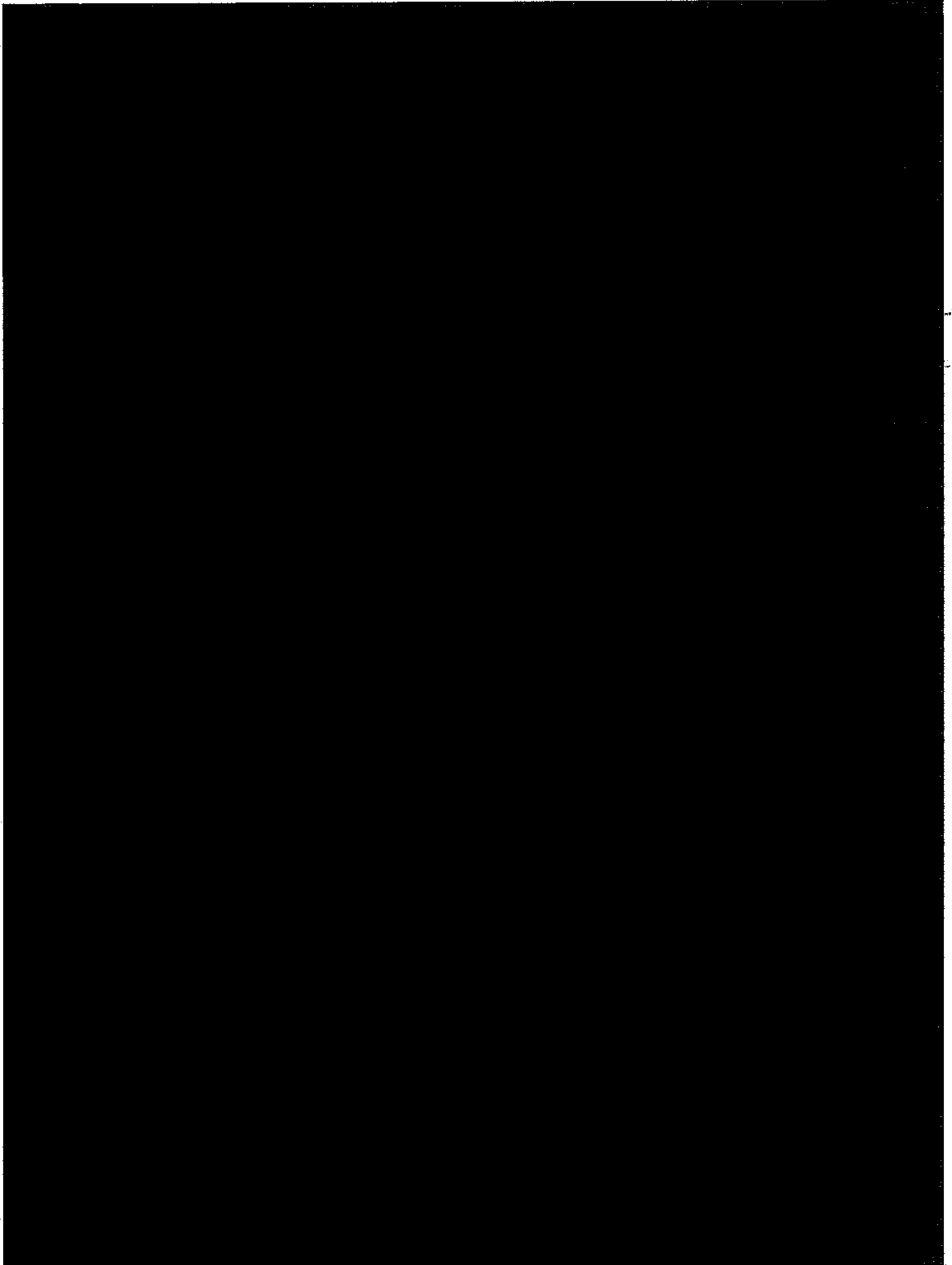
Total €230.00



Please reference payment with your name and we will email you confirmation of payment when received.

Regards,







Accounts Department
Garda Station
Carrick on Shannon
Co Leitrim

27/09/21

INVOICE CTGS 09/21

Ref:



Total €210.00

Invoice

RECEIVED
11 MAR 2019
DISTRICT FINANCE OFFICE
SLIGO

From



To

An Garda Síochána
 co/Sgt Eamon Sweeney
 Cullinane Garda Station
 Cullinane Co. Sligo

Number: INV05319
 Date: 05 Mar 2019
 Terms: Due On Receipt

| Description | Price | Qty | Amount |
|-------------|---------|-----|---------|
| | €250.00 | 1 | €250.00 |
| Subtotal | | | €250.00 |
| Tax (0%) | | | 0.00 |
| Total | | | €250.00 |
| Balance Due | | | €250.00 |

