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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000242-2023 Request Part-Granted

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on **4<sup>th</sup> July, 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:

*Under the 2014 Freedom Of Information act I wish to request records pertaining to the following:*

*In regard to the area of Ongar, Dublin 15,*

- 1. In 2022 and 2023 how emergency calls recorded on the PULSE database and/or were made to Blanchardstown Garda station, Lucan Garda station or 999/112 in relation to Ongar?*
- 2. How many of these were responded to?*
- 3. What was the average response time?*
- 4. How many assaults were reported?*

5. *How many burglaries were reported?*
6. *How many requests for Garda assistance did Gardai not respond and follow up upon?*
7. *How many domestic violence related calls were made?*
8. *How many domestic violence related calls were not responded to?*
9. *Has crime increased in Ongar in 2023 compared with 2022? If so, by what percentage?*

*Also, pertaining to Blanchardstown Garda station:*

10. *How many Gardai are currently based in Blanchardstown Garda station?*
11. *How many have left the force in Blanchardstown 2023, so far?*
12. *What number have joined the force in Blanchardstown in 2023, so far?*
  
13. *How many Gardai were there in year ending 2021?*
14. *How many left the force in Blanchardstown in 2021?*
15. *What number joined the force in Blanchardstown in 2021?*
  
16. *How many Gardai were there in year ending 2022?*
17. *How many left the force in Blanchardstown in 2022?*
18. *What number joined the force in Blanchardstown in 2022?*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2023. I have numbered your request for ease of reference.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

### **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.

As stated above 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.

The term "administrative records" is understood to mean records relating to the processes of running and managing a business or organisation. The FOI Act excludes operational policing business as opposed to the defined administrative processes of An Garda Síochána. As a result, the core business of An Garda Síochána is safeguarded from release under the provisions of the FOI Act.

Parts 1 to 9 of your request relate to operational policing matters which do not come within the ambit of this partially included agency as set out in Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act. Therefore, I am refusing those parts of your request which fall outside of the scope of the Act

insofar as it relates to An Garda Síochána in accordance with Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the Act.

In relation to parts 10 to 18 of your request please find table below which sets out the records sought.

<b>Blachardstown Garda Station</b>			
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Garda Members Attached</b>	<b>178</b> (31/12/21)	<b>160</b> (31/12/22)	<b>155</b> (04/07/23)
<b>Garda Members Joined</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Garda Member Left</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>16</b>

## **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-000242-2023**.

**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-000242-2023 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**

16<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2023.