

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000261-2016 Granted

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 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:

*4) I would like a list of agencies/companies that An Garda Síochána has charged for policing their events in Cork specifically during 2014, 2015 and to date in 2016, where the amount exceeds €5,000.*

I have decided to grant your request on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2016.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

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

Under Section 30 of The Garda Síochána Act 2005, An Garda Síochána may provide and charge for police services for events on private property or in areas open to the public, if;

- (a) *it is in the public interest and consistent with the functions of An Garda Síochána to provide the services, and*
- (b) *the Commissioner is satisfied that the person has paid or will pay to the Commissioner the charges for the services.*

Non-public duty is performed by members of An Garda Síochána under arrangements made with organisers of events such as football matches, concerts, race meetings etc. who seek to engage the services of members of An Garda Síochána to perform duties to which they would not normally be assigned.

Members of An Garda Síochána have been made available for the performance of such duties and the State has charged for their services. This duty is normally performed by members who would otherwise be off duty. It is generally the practice to charge organisations for the costs of duties performed by Garda members inside the event.

In general, the cost of policing duties performed by Gardaí outside the event such as traffic control, beat patrols and other public policing duties which would be additional to those normally performed at the location, are not paid for by the organisation hosting the event but fall to be paid from the Garda Vote.

Garda members working on both public and non public duties are aware that it is the policy of An Garda Síochána that the safety of the public must be the ultimate consideration.

The record obtained from the Financial Management Services (Appendix A) identifies the various organisations that have paid a contribution to An Garda Síochána for policing services at specific events. The list refers to years 2014, 2015 and 2016 (5<sup>th</sup> of June 2016) and only includes organisations that have paid in excess of €5,000 for the provision of policing services at events. As per your FOI request the organisations listed in Appendix A relate only to Cork which incorporates the three Garda Divisions of Cork City, Cork North and Cork West.

## **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-000261-2016**.

Freedom of Information Office,  
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IDA Business Park,  
Johnstown,  
Navan,  
Co. Meath.

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.

**Account Name:** Garda Síochána Finance Section Public Bank Account  
**Account Number:** 10026896  
**Sort Code:** 900017  
**IBAN:** IE86B0F190001710026896  
**BIC:** BOFIE2D

**You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000261-2016) 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,

  
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LOUISE SYNNOTT  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

5<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2016 .

## Appendix A

Organisations that have paid a contribution in excess of  
 €5,000 to An Garda Síochána for policing services  
 Cork City, Cork North and Cork West Garda Divisions

<b>2014</b>
<i>Applicant</i>
Cork Symphony Orchestra
Irish Open Golf
Aiken Promotions
Cork Summer Show
Indiependence Music
Munster GAA

<b>2015</b>
<i>Applicant</i>
Cork Summer Show
Aiken Promotions
Cork Symphony Orchestra
Indiependence Music

<b>2016</b>
<i>Applicant</i>
Kinsale Rugby Sevens
Red Bull
FAI