

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000262-2016 Request Granted

*Dear .*

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) and your submission to An Garda Síochána dated and received on the 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2016.

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 is shown below:

*How much income was generated through fines in 2015 and to date in 2016?  
Where possible, could I get a breakdown of what these fines were for?*

I understand that following discussions with a member of my staff the request refers to fines in the three Cork Divisions.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2016.

### 1. Findings and particulars.

On the 31st October 2002, the Fixed Charge Notice (FCN) process was introduced as a replacement of the old ‘on the spot’ fine system along with Penalty Points. The Fixed Charge Processing System (FCPS) was developed by An Garda Síochána to enable computerised, automated processing of FCNs and to assist in the management of the

penalty points system. The process applied to the then penalty point offences, certain parking and other offences under the Road Traffic Acts. One of the key objectives of the fixed charge notice system is to contribute to safer driving and reduced road traffic collision casualties.

Since 2002 the system has been expanded to include offences related to the main collision causation factors, such as seatbelt wearing, speeding and intoxicant related offences, as part of a number of road safety strategies. Since their introduction an increased level of compliance by road users has been recorded and thereby contributing to a reduction in road fatalities.

More recently fixed charges for defective tyres and pedal cycle offences have been included.

Since 2008 Public Order offences (Intoxication in a Public Place and Disorderly Conduct in a Public Place) can also be dealt with by FCN.

Currently FCPS caters for 614 FCN offences which are grouped into 40 groups for internal administration purposes.

The current legislation for the FCN process allows for the payment of the fixed charge within 28 days of issue of the notice. If payment is not made in this period, an increased charge may be paid within a further 28 day period. (*Payment of the fixed penalty in relation to drink driving offences is restricted to one period of 28 days at the original amount*).

These payments are collected on behalf of An Garda Síochána by An Post. The payments received are used to offset the costs of the outsourced speed cameras contracts. In the event that the income from FCNs exceeds the costs of the contracts the excess is returned to the Exchequer.

If payment of the FCN is not made within the allowable period, court proceedings are initiated by way of summons application. Any fines arising from the court proceedings are not received by An Garda Síochána.

The number and amount of fines paid by offence group for the three Cork Divisions are provided to you in Appendix A and B attached.

The figures were extracted based on the date the payments were processed by An Post. Therefore some payments may relate to offences that occurred in the later stages of the previous year.

## **2. Rights 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-000262-2016**.

Freedom of Information Office,  
An Garda Síochána,  
Athlumney House,



IDA Business Park,  
Johnstown,  
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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:** 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-000262-2016) 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 will be removed to protect confidentiality where applicable.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact me by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,

 **SUPERINTENDENT**  
**HELEN DEELY**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER.**

 **SEPTEMBER, 2016**

**Appendix A - Paid Fixed Charge Notices for 2015 for Cork North, Cork City and Cork West**

Division	Offence Group	Number	Amount
Cork City	Crossing Centre Lines On A Roadway Causing Danger.	37	€ 3,120.00
	Dangerous & Endangering Overtaking	122	€ 10,280.00
	Drink Driving Fixed Penalty	43	€ 11,800.00
	Drive On Or Across A Footway, Cycle Track Or Continuous White Line	12	€ 750.00
	Drive Or Park On A Pedestrianised Street Or Area	9	€ 360.00
	Driver Failing to Observe a Signal by a Garda or School Warden.	2	€ 140.00
	Driving A Vehicle Without Reasonable Consideration	139	€ 11,720.00
	Enter Or Stop Or Park On A Tram Line, Tram Only Street Or Cycle Track	54	€ 2,300.00
	Exceed Vehicle Weights	11	€ 2,300.00
	Fail To Observe Traffic Signs And Road Markings	168	€ 11,580.00
	Fail To Yield Right Of Way	6	€ 480.00
	Failing To Display A Valid Tax Or Insurance Disc	952	€ 63,930.00
	Failing To Obey Parking Signs And Road Markings	1413	€ 59,860.00
	Failing To Stop At Traffic Lights (Red & Amber)	400	€ 33,360.00
	Failure To Obey Mandatory Traffic Signs, Weight Restrictions And Reversing Offences	7	€ 450.00
	Failure to Observe Signs & Signals at Railway Level Crossing	1	€ 80.00
	Failure to Observe Small Public Service Vehicle Regualtions	1	€ 40.00
	Holding A Mobile Phone Whilst Driving	1585	€ 102,600.00
	Novice Driver Offences	405	€ 31,980.00
	Obstruct Or Delay a Vehicle Entering/Exiting From A Fire, Ambulance Or Garda Station,	6	€ 240.00
	Parking In A Manner Or Location That Causes A Danger Or Obstruction	625	€ 26,800.00
	Parking Offences - Hired Vehicles	7	€ 280.00
	Parking Or Stopping In A Clearway Or Disabled Space	162	€ 12,720.00
	Parking Within 15 Metres Before Road Junctions, Traffic Lights And Pedestrian Crossings	2	€ 80.00
	Parking Within 5 Metres After a Road Junctions, Traffic Lights And Pedestrian Crossings	23	€ 1,020.00
	Parking/Entering A Bus Lane, Bus Contraflow, At Bus Stop Or Taxi Rank	938	€ 41,090.00
	Parking/Stopping In Loading Bay And School Entrance	37	€ 1,600.00
	Pedal Cycle Offences	6	€ 240.00
	Public Order Offences	130	€ 15,450.00
	Seat Belt Offences	430	€ 27,300.00
	Speeding Offences	5518	€ 464,760.00
Stopping/Parking On A Motorway Etc.	68	€ 5,720.00	
Using a Good or Passenger Vehicle with an Inaccurate or Modified Authoristion Plate or Without any Authorisation Plate	1	€ 60.00	
Using Vehicle Without NCT Test Certificate	427	€ 28,710.00	
Using Vehicle/Trailer Without The Required Lighting	57	€ 3,660.00	
<b>Cork City Total</b>		<b>13804</b>	<b>976860</b>



<b>Cork North</b>	Crossing Centre Lines On A Roadway Causing Danger.	76	€ 6,400.00
	Dangerous & Endangering Overtaking	16	€ 1,360.00
	Drink Driving Fixed Penalty	45	€ 11,000.00
	Drive On Or Across A Footway, Cycle Track Or Continuous White Line	10	€ 630.00
	Driver Failing to Observe a Signal by a Garda or School Warden.	1	€ 60.00
	Driving A Vehicle Without Reasonable Consideration	129	€ 11,080.00
	Exceed Vehicle Weights	3	€ 600.00
	Fail To Observe Traffic Signs And Road Markings	160	€ 10,590.00
	Fail To Yield Right Of Way	6	€ 480.00
	Failing To Display A Valid Tax Or Insurance Disc	1138	€ 76,290.00
	Failing To Obey Parking Signs And Road Markings	169	€ 7,060.00
	Failing To Stop At Traffic Lights (Red & Amber)	32	€ 2,640.00
	Failure To Obey Mandatory Traffic Signs, Weight Restrictions And Reversing Offences	5	€ 330.00
	Holding A Mobile Phone Whilst Driving	1216	€ 77,940.00
	Novice Driver Offences	169	€ 13,320.00
	Motorcyclist or Passenger Not Wearing a Crash Helmet	1	€ 80.00
	Obstruct Or Delay a Vehicle Entering/Exiting From A Fire, Ambulance Or Garda Station,	5	€ 220.00
	Parking In A Manner Or Location That Causes A Danger Or Obstruction	44	€ 1,840.00
	Parking Offences - Hired Vehicles	7	€ 280.00
	Parking Or Stopping In A Clearway Or Disabled Space	78	€ 6,440.00
	Parking Within 5 Metres After a Road Junctions, Traffic Lights And Pedestrian Crossings	4	€ 160.00
	Parking/Entering A Bus Lane, Bus Contraflow, At Bus Stop Or Taxi Rank	109	€ 4,600.00
	Parking/Stopping In Loading Bay And School Entrance	30	€ 1,280.00
	Public Order Offences	187	€ 22,760.00
	Seat Belt Offences	194	€ 12,630.00
	Speeding Offences	6670	€ 561,000.00
	Stopping/Parking On A Motorway Etc.	4	€ 200.00
	Using a Goods or Passenger Vehicle with an Inaccurate or Modified Authorisation Plate or Without any Authorisation Plate	3	€ 180.00
	Using Vehicle Without NCT Test Certificate	195	€ 12,690.00
Using Vehicle/Trailer Without The Required Lighting	41	€ 2,580.00	
<b>Cork North Total</b>	<b>10747</b>	<b>€ 846720</b>	

Cork West	Crossing Centre Lines On A Roadway Causing Danger.	117	€ 9,760.00
	Dangerous & Endangering Overtaking	12	€ 1,000.00
	Drink Driving Fixed Penalty	34	€ 8,000.00
	Drive On Or Across A Footway, Cycle Track Or Continuous White Line	5	€ 330.00
	Driver Failing to Observe a Signal by a Garda or School Warden.	2	€ 200.00
	Driving A Vehicle Without Reasonable Consideration	101	€ 8,440.00
	Fail To Observe Traffic Signs And Road Markings	12	€ 920.00
	Fail To Yield Right Of Way	1	€ 120.00
	Failing To Display A Valid Tax Or Insurance Disc	669	€ 44,400.00
	Failing To Obey Parking Signs And Road Markings	119	€ 5,060.00
	Failing To Stop At Traffic Lights (Red & Amber)	6	€ 480.00
	Holding A Mobile Phone Whilst Driving	1114	€ 71,160.00
	Novice Driver Offences	128	€ 9,970.00
	Motorcyclist or Passenger Not Wearing a Crash Helmet	2	€ 160.00
	Obstruct Or Delay a Vehicle Entering/Exiting From A Fire, Ambulance Or Garda Station,	3	€ 120.00
	Parking In A Manner Or Location That Causes A Danger Or Obstruction	32	€ 1,340.00
	Parking Offences - Hired Vehicles	1	€ 60.00
	Parking Or Stopping In A Clearway Or Disabled Space	33	€ 2,720.00
	Parking Within 15 Metres Before Road Junctions, Traffic Lights And Pedestrian Crossings	3	€ 120.00
	Parking Within 5 Metres After a Road Junctions, Traffic Lights And Pedestrian Crossings	3	€ 120.00
	Parking/Entering A Bus Lane, Bus Contraflow, At Bus Stop Or Taxi Rank	5	€ 220.00
	Parking/Stopping In Loading Bay And School Entrance	2	€ 80.00
	Pedal Cycle Offences	2	€ 80.00
	Public Order Offences	75	€ 9,080.00
	Seat Belt Offences	163	€ 10,710.00
	Speeding Offences	5038	€ 422,000.00
Using Vehicle Without NCT Test Certificate	121	€ 8,040.00	
Using Vehicle/Trailer Without The Required Lighting	42	€ 2,700.00	
<b>Cork West Total</b>	<b>7845</b>	<b>€ 617390</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>32396</b>	<b>€ 2,440,970.00</b>	



**Appendix B - Paid Fixed Charge Notices as of 11th July 2016 for Cork North, Cork City and Cork West**

Division	Offence Group	Number	Amount
Cork City	Crossing Centre Lines On A Roadway Causing Danger.	16	€ 1,280.00
	Dangerous & Endangering Overtaking	38	€ 3,280.00
	Drink Driving Fixed Penalty	23	€ 5,800.00
	Drive On Or Across A Footway, Cycle Track Or Continuous White Line	2	€ 120.00
	Drive Or Park On A Pedestrianised Street Or Area	1	€ 40.00
	Driving A Vehicle Without Reasonable Consideration	58	€ 4,880.00
	Enter Or Stop Or Park On A Tram Line, Tram Only Street Or Cycle Track	44	€ 1,840.00
	Exceed Vehicle Weights	10	€ 2,200.00
	Fail To Observe Traffic Signs And Road Markings	79	€ 5,920.00
	Fail To Yield Right Of Way	1	€ 80.00
	Failing To Display A Valid Tax Or Insurance Disc	548	€ 36,300.00
	Failing To Obey Parking Signs And Road Markings	631	€ 26,940.00
	Failing To Stop At Traffic Lights (Red & Amber)	228	€ 19,280.00
	Failure To Obey Mandatory Traffic Signs, Weight Restrictions And Reversing Offences	7	€ 450.00
	Holding A Mobile Phone Whilst Driving	797	€ 51,390.00
	Novice Driver Offences	198	€ 15,760.00
	Obstruct Or Delay a Vehicle Entering/Exiting From A Fire, Ambulance Or Garda Station,	9	€ 400.00
	Parking In A Manner Or Location That Causes A Danger Or Obstruction	317	€ 13,460.00
	Parking Offences - Hired Vehicles	8	€ 480.00
	Parking Or Stopping In A Clearway Or Disabled Space	74	€ 6,100.00
	Parking Within 15 Metres Before Road Junctions, Traffic Lights And Pedestrian Crossings	1	€ 40.00
	Parking Within 5 Metres After a Road Junctions, Traffic Lights And Pedestrian Crossings	7	€ 340.00
	Parking/Entering A Bus Lane, Bus Contraflow, At Bus Stop Or Taxi Rank	586	€ 26,310.00
	Parking/Stopping In Loading Bay And School Entrance	13	€ 580.00
	Pedal Cycle Offences	5	€ 200.00
	Public Order Offences	59	€ 6,920.00
	Seat Belt Offences	183	€ 11,580.00
	Speeding Offences	1851	€ 155,600.00
	Stopping/Parking On A Motorway Etc.	23	€ 1,940.00
	Use A Vehicle With Defective Or Dangerous Tyres	4	€ 320.00
Using Vehicle Without NCT Test Certificate	177	€ 11,880.00	
Using Vehicle/Trailer Without The Required Lighting	70	€ 4,470.00	
<b>Cork City Total</b>		<b>6068</b>	<b>€ 416180</b>

Cork North	Crossing Centre Lines On A Roadway Causing Danger.	45	€	3,880.00
	Dangerous & Endangering Overtaking	8	€	680.00
	Drink Driving Fixed Penalty	28	€	6,200.00
	Drive On Or Across A Footway, Cycle Track Or Continuous White Line	3	€	180.00
	Driving A Vehicle Without Reasonable Consideration	86	€	7,200.00
	Exceed Vehicle Weights	1	€	300.00
	Fail To Observe Traffic Signs And Road Markings	98	€	6,290.00
	Fail To Yield Right Of Way	7	€	560.00
	Failing To Display A Valid Tax Or Insurance Disc	614	€	41,670.00
	Failing To Obey Parking Signs And Road Markings	105	€	4,500.00
	Failing To Stop At Traffic Lights (Red & Amber)	15	€	1,240.00
	Holding A Mobile Phone Whilst Driving	532	€	33,870.00
	Novice Driver Offences	88	€	7,040.00
	Obstruct Or Delay a Vehicle Entering/Exiting From A Fire, Ambulance Or Garda Station,	7	€	280.00
	Parking In A Manner Or Location That Causes A Danger Or Obstruction	23	€	960.00
	Parking Offences - Hired Vehicles	9	€	440.00
	Parking Or Stopping In A Clearway Or Disabled Space	31	€	2,640.00
	Parking Within 5 Metres After a Road Junctions, Traffic Lights And Pedestrian Crossings	3	€	140.00
	Parking/Entering A Bus Lane, Bus Contraflow, At Bus Stop Or Taxi Rank	77	€	3,280.00
	Parking/Stopping In Loading Bay And School Entrance	29	€	1,240.00
	Pedal Cycle Offences	1	€	40.00
	Public Order Offences	82	€	9,170.00
	Seat Belt Offences	93	€	5,910.00
	Speeding Offences	3315	€	278,000.00
	Use A Vehicle With Defective Or Dangerous Tyres	5	€	400.00
	Using a Good or Passenger Vehicle with an Inaccurate or Modified Authorisation Plate or Without any Authorisation Plate	3	€	210.00
	Using Vehicle Without NCT Test Certificate	94	€	6,270.00
	Using Vehicle/Trailer Without The Required Lighting	20	€	1,350.00
<b>Cork North Total</b>		<b>5422</b>		<b>423940</b>



Cork West	Crossing Centre Lines On A Roadway Causing Danger.	49	€	4,200.00
	Dangerous & Endangering Overtaking	2	€	160.00
	Drink Driving Fixed Penalty	14	€	4,000.00
	Drive On Or Across A Footway, Cycle Track Or Continuous White Line	2	€	120.00
	Driving A Vehicle Without Reasonable Consideration	48	€	3,960.00
	Fail To Observe Traffic Signs And Road Markings	6	€	460.00
	Failing To Display A Valid Tax Or Insurance Disc	349	€	22,860.00
	Failing To Obey Parking Signs And Road Markings	91	€	3,800.00
	Failing To Stop At Traffic Lights (Red & Amber)	1	€	80.00
	Holding A Mobile Phone Whilst Driving	494	€	31,770.00
	Novice Driver Offences	80	€	6,350.00
	Obstruct Or Delay a Vehicle Entering/Exiting From A Fire, Ambulance Or Garda Station,	1	€	40.00
	Parking In A Manner Or Location That Causes A Danger Or Obstruction	21	€	920.00
	Parking Offences - Hired Vehicles	4	€	160.00
	Parking Or Stopping In A Clearway Or Disabled Space	13	€	1,080.00
	Parking Within 5 Metres Of Road Junctions, Traffic Lights And Pedestrian Crossings	11	€	460.00
	Parking/Stopping In Loading Bay And School Entrance	1	€	40.00
	Public Order Offences	49	€	6,800.00
	Seat Belt Offences	81	€	5,070.00
	Speeding Offences	1908	€	159,000.00
	Use A Vehicle With Defective Or Dangerous Tyres	8	€	640.00
	Using a Good or Passenger Vehicle with an Inaccurate or Modified Authorisation Plate or Without any Authorisation Plate	1	€	60.00
	Using Vehicle Without NCT Test Certificate	56	€	3,720.00
Using Vehicle/Trailer Without The Required Lighting	24	€	1,530.00	
<b>Cork West Total</b>		<b>3314</b>		<b>257280</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>14804</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>1,097,400.00</b>