

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000424-2016 Granted

**Dear**

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and your submission to this body dated 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2016 and received on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 for records held by An Garda Síochána.

Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 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:

*"The cost of using the Garda helicopter or air support in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 to date"*

I have now made a final decision to grant your request on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

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

A search was conducted via the Finance Section for the information you sought in the FOI request. The figures provided below show the costs associated with the maintenance of the two helicopters which is born by the Garda Vote. The maintenance of the Garda helicopters is outsourced. The figures provided for 2016 are up to and including October 2016.

## Cost Associated with the Garda Helicopters

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
1,804,477	1,320,436	1,204,696	1,478,206	1,303,961	1,216,114*	8,327,888

\*Oct 2016.

The Garda Air Support Unit, which is part of the Operational Support Services, was established in September 1997. The Unit is based at Casement Aerodrome, Baldonnell on the outskirts of Dublin city although from time to time aircraft may be based at other locations within the State.

Garda aircraft may be deployed to a variety of incidents such as where there is an immediate threat to life, incidents of a criminal, terrorist or other nationally important nature, immediate threat of serious public disorder, evidence gathering and photographic tasks.

Further information on the Garda Air Support Unit is available in An Garda Síochána Annual Report 2015. This information can be accessed by following the attached link: <http://www.garda.ie/Documents/User/Annual%20Report%20English.pdf>

## 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-000424-2016**.

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Please note that a fee applies. This fee has been set at €30 (€10 for a Medical Card51holder). 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:** BOFIIIE2D

**You must ensure that your FOI reference number 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,

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

**7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2016**