

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000099-2016 Request Partially Granted

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and your submission to An Garda Síochána dated 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and received on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

Your request sought:

- 1. The percentage of Gardaí deployed in the Dublin 15 area in relation to the rest of Dublin.*
- 2. Public satisfaction ratings from people in Dublin (if possible Dublin 15) in relation to the performance of An Garda Síochána in their area.*
- 3. In-house performance ratings from within An Garda Síochána for 2014 and 2015.*
- 4. The percentage of An Garda Síochána's budget spent on resources in Dublin for 2014 and 2015.*
- 5. The percentage of An Garda Síochána's budget spent on resources in the Dublin 15 area for 2014 and 2015.*

I have made a decision to partially grant your request.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

### 1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions to deny access

The sections of the Act which can apply to deny access to documents are known as its exemption provisions.

I will address each part of your request separately.

**Part 1: “The percentage of Gardaí deployed in the Dublin 15 area in relation to the rest of Dublin.”**

It has been determined that specific records do not exist in the format in which you have requested them.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 15(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I am satisfied that all reasonable steps have been taken to identify and locate the requested records.

Your request is therefore refused under Section 15(1)(a) of the Act which states:

*15. (1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where—*

*(a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken,*

However, I am in a position to provide you with the percentage of Gardaí in the Dublin Metropolitan Region (DMR) West in relation to the rest of the Dublin Metropolitan Region. The Dublin 15 postal area is policed by the DMR West Division.

An Garda Síochána is the National Police Service in Ireland and is broken down into Regions, Divisions, Districts and Sub-Districts. A Region is managed by an Assistant Commissioner, a Division is managed by a Chief Superintendent and a District is managed by a Superintendent.

For the purpose of transferring staff, a Garda Divisional Officer, in overall charge of a Division, has the authority to transfer Sergeants and Gardaí within their respective Division, based on the policing needs within their respective Division. Divisional Officers are required to make tactical and strategic decisions when addressing that policing need, which includes the resourcing of sub-districts on a daily basis.

You can view all Garda Stations including those in the Dublin Metropolitan Region on Google maps via the Garda Website at the following URL:

[http://www.garda.ie/Stations/Map.aspx?gardaKMZFilename=Garda\\_Stations.kmz&Mode=gardaViewAll&Args=undefined](http://www.garda.ie/Stations/Map.aspx?gardaKMZFilename=Garda_Stations.kmz&Mode=gardaViewAll&Args=undefined)

19.05%\* of Gardaí are deployed to the DMR West in relation to the rest of the DMR which encompasses the DMR East, DMR North, DMR North Central, DMR South, DMR South Central, DMR West and the DMR Traffic Division.

\*The figure provided is reflective of Garda strengths as of the 31/12/2015. These figures are operational and liable to change.

**Part 2: “Public satisfaction ratings from people in Dublin (if possible Dublin 15) in relation to the performance of An Garda Síochána in their area.”**

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. I am therefore refusing Part 2 of your request as it is outside the scope of the Act insofar as it relates to An Garda Síochána.

**Part 3: "In-house performance ratings from within An Garda Síochána for 2014 and 2015".**

It has been determined that the specific records you have requested do not exist. An Garda Síochána do not undertake 'in-house performance ratings'.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 15(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I am satisfied that all reasonable steps have been taken to identify and locate the requested records.

Your request is therefore refused under Section 15(1)(a) of the Act which states:

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**Part 4: "The percentage of An Garda Síochána's budget spent on resources in Dublin for 2014 and 2015."**

Details as requested are provided below:

<b>Region</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
DMR	20.33%	20.10%

**Part 5: "The percentage of An Garda Síochána's budget spent on resources in the Dublin 15 area for 2014 and 2015."**

It has been determined that the specific records do not exist in the format in which you have requested them.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 15(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I am satisfied that all reasonable steps have been taken to identify and locate the requested records.

Your request is therefore refused under Section 15(1)(a) of the Act which states:

*15. (1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where—*

*(a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken,*

However, I am providing the percentage of An Garda Síochána's budget spent on resources in the DMR West. As previously stated the Dublin 15 postal area is policed by the DMR West Division.

<b>Division</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
DMR West	3.68%	3.65%

## 1. 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-000099-2016**.

Freedom of Information Office,  
An Garda Síochána,  
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Johnstown,  
Navan,  
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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:** IE86BOFI90001710026896

**BIC:** BOFIE2D

**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**

**15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016**