

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000307-2016 Request Refused

*Dear*

I refer to the your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) dated and received on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016 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:

*i) The total amount paid to contractors for crime-scene cleaning or forensic cleaning services by Garda Division during each of the years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015; and the number of jobs for which they were engaged*

*ii) The names of the contractors who were engaged for this purpose*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

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

In keeping with Section 8 of the FOI Act, An Garda Síochána maintains a Publication Scheme on the website ([www.garda.ie](http://www.garda.ie)). In addition to general information about An Garda Síochána, the full decision letter for requests for non-personal information under the FOI Act is contained in the Decision Log section of the publication scheme.

With regard to your request above, I advise that a request for the same records has already been submitted and our response is available on our website via the following link:

<http://www.garda.ie/Documents/User/FOI-000067-2016%20Decision.pdf>

As the information you seek is already in the public domain, I am refusing your request under Section 15(1)(d) which states:

- 15. (1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where—  
(d) the information is already in the public domain,*

## **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-000307-2016**.

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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-000307-2016) 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,

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

 **AUGUST, 2016**