

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000379-2017 Granted

*Dear .*

I refer to your request, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017 and received 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017. I further refer to the clarification of your request on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and again by telephone call with this office on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

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:

**Original request:**

*Details of the number of members that retired from each garda station in each month between 1 January 2015 and 30 June 2017.*

**Clarified request:**

*Details of the number of members that departed from An Garda Síochána broken down by Division and per quarter between the years 1<sup>st</sup> January to September 2017.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to **grant** your request on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

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

Following a search of records within the Human Resource and People Management Section, the figures shown at Appendix A, B & C are provided in response to your FOI Request.

The figures provided show a breakdown of the number of Garda departures in each division with effect from January 2015 to September 2017. Departures not only include retirements, but also include staff who have resigned or who were dismissed. These figures also incorporate Garda Reserves.

The Garda divisions do not necessarily align with county borders. For example within County Cork there are 3 Garda divisions (Cork North, Cork City and Cork West) while conversely other Garda divisions may comprise of more than one county such as Sligo/Leitrim or Kilkenny/Carlow. In accordance with this geographical layout, the figures provide a breakdown of the number of departures on a Garda divisional basis.

The Government is committed to ensuring visible, effective and responsive policing throughout the country in order to strengthen community engagement, provide reassurance to citizens and prevent crime. To make this a reality for all, the Government has in place a plan to achieve an overall Garda workforce of 21,000 personnel by 2021 comprising 15,000 Garda members, 2,000 Reserve members and 4,000 civilians. In 2017, funding has been provided for the recruitment of 800 Garda recruits and up to 500 civilians to support the wide ranging reform plan in train in An Garda Síochána.

In 2015 the total strength of Garda members was 12816 rising to 12943 by year end 2016, these figures are inclusive of the aforementioned departures.

## **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-000379-2017**.

**Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Johnstown, Navan, Co. Meath C15 DR90**

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-000379-2017 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,

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

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**Garda Departures 2015-Appendix A**

<b>Division</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>
<b>Cavan / Monaghan</b>	1		4	6
<b>Clare</b>	2	1	1	
<b>Cork City</b>	2	6	2	7
<b>Cork North</b>	1	2	2	1
<b>Cork West</b>	2	1		1
<b>DMR East</b>	3	2	1	2
<b>DMR North</b>		3	7	2
<b>DMR North Central</b>	2	1		6
<b>DMR South</b>	3	1	2	1
<b>DMR South Central</b>	3	2		3
<b>DMR Traffic Corps</b>	1	2	2	
<b>DMR West</b>		5	1	6
<b>Donegal</b>	4	6		1
<b>Galway</b>	1	4	6	3
<b>Kerry</b>	2	1		1
<b>Kildare</b>	2	2	1	2
<b>Kilkenny/Carlow Division</b>	2	3		1
<b>Laois / Offaly</b>	3	1	2	2
<b>Limerick</b>	3	4	2	1
<b>Louth</b>	3	1	2	4
<b>Mayo</b>	1	2		1
<b>Meath Division</b>	1		4	1
<b>Roscommon /Longford</b>		1	1	1
<b>Sligo / Leitrim</b>	2	5	2	1
<b>Tipperary</b>	1	4	2	1
<b>Waterford</b>		1		
<b>Westmeath</b>		1	3	1
<b>Wexford</b>	4	2		1
<b>Wicklow Division</b>	1	4	1	2
<b>National Units and Garda HQ</b>	17	14	11	14
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>73</b>

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**Garda Departures 2016-Appendix B**

<b>Division</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>
<b>Cavan / Monaghan</b>	3	5	2	3
<b>Clare</b>	1	2	2	
<b>Cork City</b>	2	1	2	2
<b>Cork North</b>		3	1	2
<b>Cork West</b>	1	2	2	
<b>DMR East</b>	1	3	4	4
<b>DMR North</b>	1	2	3	
<b>DMR North Central</b>	1	2		1
<b>DMR South</b>	1	7	2	
<b>DMR South Central</b>	1	2	4	4
<b>DMR Traffic Corps</b>		1		1
<b>DMR West</b>	3	4	1	
<b>Donegal</b>	3	4	5	5
<b>Galway</b>	2	1	1	2
<b>Kerry</b>	5	1	1	
<b>Kildare</b>	3	2	4	
<b>Kilkenny/Carlow Division</b>	2	1	4	
<b>Laois / Offaly</b>	3	4		1
<b>Limerick</b>		2	1	
<b>Louth</b>	3	3	1	2
<b>Mayo</b>	1	3	1	
<b>Meath Division</b>	2	3	4	5
<b>Roscommon /Longford</b>	3		1	1
<b>Sligo / Leitrim</b>	1	2	1	1
<b>Tipperary</b>	1	2	1	3
<b>Waterford</b>	1	3	1	1
<b>Westmeath</b>		1	2	2
<b>Wexford</b>	1	2	2	1
<b>Wicklow Division</b>	2	3	3	
<b>National Units and Garda HQ</b>	8	14	17	8
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>49</b>

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**Garda Departures 2017-Appendix C**

<b>Division</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>
<b>Cavan / Monaghan</b>	1	3	4
<b>Clare</b>		3	2
<b>Cork City</b>	5	3	3
<b>Cork North</b>	1		2
<b>Cork West</b>	2	3	3
<b>DMR East</b>			1
<b>DMR North</b>	1	7	1
<b>DMR North Central</b>	3	2	3
<b>DMR South</b>	1	3	3
<b>DMR South Central</b>	2	2	1
<b>DMR Traffic Corps</b>			
<b>DMR West</b>	3	1	3
<b>Donegal</b>	2	1	3
<b>Galway</b>	1		5
<b>Kerry</b>	1		2
<b>Kildare</b>	1	1	1
<b>Kilkenny/Carlow Division</b>		1	2
<b>Laois / Offaly</b>	2	1	1
<b>Limerick</b>	4	1	3
<b>Louth</b>	1	2	3
<b>Mayo</b>	2		2
<b>Meath Division</b>	1		1
<b>Roscommon /Longford</b>	1	1	
<b>Sligo / Leitrim</b>	1	1	3
<b>Tipperary</b>	1	2	3
<b>Waterford</b>	1		1
<b>Westmeath</b>			2
<b>Wexford</b>		1	2
<b>Wicklow Division</b>	1	2	2
<b>National Units and Garda HQ</b>	20	15	31
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>93</b>