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Mr Eoghan Murphy.

Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000106-2017. Request Partially Granted.

Dear Mr Murphy,

I refer to your request, dated 10th March, 2017 and received on 14th March, 2017 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2014 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 would like to request the number of assaults/attacks on gardai that occurred in (a) Sligo/Leitrim Garda Division, and (b) Roscommon/Longford Garda Division in 2016, along with information of the nature of each injury sustain and the compensation payments paid to officers as a result."

I wish to inform you that I have decided to partially grant your request on the 31st March, 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions.

On receipt of your request, the Health and Safety Section of An Garda Síochána conducted searches to identify records relevant to your request.

An Garda Síochána is very mindful to the significant occupational demands placed on its members, the exposure to injuries and very stressful and traumatic situations. Critical support is provided by the Chief Medical Officer, the Employee Assistance Service, the Peer Support Network and counseling services.

The table below details the number of incidents of assault that were reported to the Health and Safety Section in 2016 for Sligo/Leitrim and Roscommon/Longford Divisions.

Assaults in Roscommon/Longford and Sligo/Leitrim Divisions 2016					
	Bruising/Grazes/ Bites	Infection	Other	Sprain/ Strain	Total
ROSCOMMON / LONGFORD	3	0	1	1	5
SLIGO / LEITRIM	3	1	3	1	8
Total	6	1	4	2	13

I wish to inform you that I am refusing the final part of your request seeking “*the compensation payments paid to officers*”. Records relating to compensation claims for both malicious and accidental injuries are held by the National Treasury Management Agency (NTMA)

As a result I am refusing this part of your request due to the fact that the records you are requesting are not held by An Garda Síochána. Section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act is applied.

Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests.

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,

On the basis of the above, I advise that these parts of your request are more relevant to the NTMA and should be addressed to:

FOI Officer,
NTMA Treasury Building,
Grand Canal Street,
Dublin 2.
D02XN96.

Email address. foi@ntma.ie.

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-000106-2017**.

Freedom of Information, 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-000106-2017) 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.

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,



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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER.

31st MARCH, 2017.