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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000004-2023 Request Part-Grant

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2023 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) 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:

*Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I wish to request a copy of any audits completed by the Garda Internal Audit Service since July 1, 2022*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2022.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

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

Upon receipt of your request, a search was conducted in Garda Internal Audit Section (GIAS) and a number of records have been identified in this regard. There have been previous requests for audits completed in the year in 2022 and they have been published on the Garda Website

and can be found by searching the following FOI requests (FOI-000131-2022, FOI-000309-2022 & FOI-000361-2022) and the link below.

<https://www.garda.ie/en/information-centre/freedom-of-information/decision-log/internal-audit/internal-audit-general-decision-logs-2022.html>

There are an additional 3 audits that have not been released previously. I am refusing the release of the Audit Report on Mutual Assistance Section and the Audit Report on Divisional Approval of Youth Referrals in their entirety in accordance with Part 1 (n) of Schedule 1 as these audits contain no records in relation to HR, Finance or Procurement and are therefore excluded from release by An Garda Síochána.

I am partially releasing the remaining audit in a redacted format as outlined in the Schedule of Records attached in accordance with Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the Act.

The term “administrative records” is understood to mean records relating to the processes of running and managing a business or organisation. As a result, the FOI Act excludes operational policing business as opposed to the defined administrative processes of An Garda Síochána.

The operational elements of the audits are considered out of the scope of the FOI Act insofar as the Garda organisation is concerned and are therefore not provided in accordance with Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act. This information has been redacted accordingly.

## **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-000004-2023**.

***Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Johnstown, Navan, Co. Meath C15 ND62***

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:** An Garda Síochána Imprest Account

**Account Number:** 30000302

**Sort Code:** 951599

**IBAN:** IE28DABA95159930000302

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**You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000004-2023) 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 the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2023.