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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000015-2022 Request Part-Granted

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 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:

*The amount of monies spent on the Garda College for the year 2020 and 2021.*

*The amount of monies spent on sport and leisure facilities in the College.*

*The amount of monies spent on R&D in the College.*

*The amount of monies spent on ICT on the College.*

*All for years 2020 and 2021.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2022.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

## 1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt your request was forwarded to the Garda College who conducted a search for records relating to your request.

In relation to part 1 of your request the amount of monies spent on the Garda College was €4,794,704.23 for the year 2020 and €4,804,104.69 for the year 2021. These figures relate to all expenditure costed to the Garda College for 2020 and 2021, exclusive of Wages but inclusive of Travel and Subsistence.

Part 2 of your request sought “*The amount of monies spent on sport and leisure facilities in the College*”. The college financial systems do not allow the level of granularity to extrapolate specific records in relation to sports and leisure facilities. I wish to advise that I am therefore refusing this element of your request as the record does not exist. I am doing so pursuant to Section 15(1)(a) of the Act which states:

### ***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,*

Part 3 of your request is seeking “*The amount of monies spent on R&D in the College*” the college have advised that this is a nil return in respect of both years. Therefore, I am also refusing this part of your request in accordance with Section 15 1 (a) as stated above.

With regard to Part 4 of your request the total amount costed to the Garda College ICT subheads for 2020 is €10,820.69. There was no expenditure under the Garda College ICT subheads for 2021.

## 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-000015-2022**.

***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:** 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-000015-2022 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,

  
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**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**  
**PAUL BASSETT**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

 **JANUARY, 2022.**