

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000018-2022 Request Part-Grant

*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:

- *a record of how much was paid by the University of Limerick to AGS for carrying out campus patrols in 2021.*
- *a copy of all correspondence between AGS and UL with regard to payments for carrying out of campus patrols in 2021.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

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

Details of your request were provided to the Finance Directorate within An Garda Síochána who conducted a search for records relating to your request.

In respect of part 1 of your request, I can advise that the University of Limerick paid €100,980 for Non-Public Duty in 2021.

I am refusing part 2 of your request where are seeking “a copy of all correspondence between AGS and UL with regard to payments for carrying out of campus patrols in 2021”. As outlined above, An Garda Síochána is a partially included agency under the Freedom of Information Act. As such only administrative records pertaining to finance, procurement or human resources matters may be considered for release. The records sought in part 2 of your request relate to operational policing matters and fall outside the scope of the FOI Act insofar as it relates to An Garda Síochána. Therefore, I am refusing part 2 of your request pursuant to Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act.

Under Section 30 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005, An Garda Síochána may provide and charge for police services for events on private property or in areas open to the public if:

- (a) It is in the public interest and consistent with the functions of An Garda Síochána to provide the services, and*
- (b) The Commissioner is satisfied that the person has paid or will pay to the Commissioner the charges for the services.*

Non-public duty is performed by members of An Garda Síochána under arrangements made with organisers of events such as football matches, concerts and race meetings, etc. who seek to engage the services of members of An Garda Síochána to perform duties to which they would not normally be assigned.

Members of An Garda Síochána have been made available for the performance of such duties and the State has charged for their services. This work is normally performed by members who would otherwise be off duty. At all times, it is the policy of An Garda Síochána that the safety of the public must be the ultimate concern.

## **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-000018-2022**.

***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

**BIC:** DABAIE2D

**You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000018-2022) 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,



**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**PAUL BASSETT**

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY, 2022.