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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000190-2019 Request Granted

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 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:

*Could you provide me with the following information under the FOI Act 2014*

- *The number of competitions for Garda Members to join each Divisional Roads Policing Unit that were held in 2018, 2019 and to-date in 2020 in tabular form.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

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

Upon receipt, details of your request were forwarded to the Competitions Office, Human Resources & People Development Section of An Garda Síochána who conducted a search for records containing the information you have requested.

Please find table below which sets out the Roads Policing Unit competitions held from 2018 to date. One Divisional competition was held in this time period. The remaining competitions were held on a Regional basis. Each of these Regional competitions had a number of vacancies for both Sergeant and Garda rank within each Division for the Roads Policing Units.

As the Regional competitions were seen to fill all current and future vacancies in the Roads Policing Units up until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 or the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 depending on the Region, there have been no further competitions held since.

Year	Northern Region	Southern Region	South Eastern Region	Eastern Region	Western Region	Dublin Metropolitan Region	Total
2018*		1					1
2019	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
2020							
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>

\*1 Divisional competition held in Cork West in 2018, all other competitions outlined were held on a Regional basis

## 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-000190-2020**.

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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:** IE86BOFI90001710026896  
**BIC:** BOFIE2D

**You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000190-2020) 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,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

10<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020.