

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000224-2019 Request Part-Granted

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 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:

*How many people have applied to become a Gardai over the previous 5 years - between 1.1.2014 and 31.12.18? Please provide this data as an overall total in addition to total number of males and total number of females.*

*How many Gardai are currently employed by An Garda Síochána? Please provide this data as an overall total in addition to total number of males and total number of females.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2019.

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 Human Resource Management Section where records have been identified in relation to same.

Part 1 of your request is seeking 'How many people have applied to become a Gardaí over the previous 5 years - between 1.1.2014 and 31.12.18? Please provide this data as an overall total in addition to total number of males and total number of females'. I am to advise you that I am refusing to provide this information in accordance with Section 15(1)(a) of the FOI 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*

The information sought by you is not held by An Garda Síochána as applicants who apply to become Gardaí apply via the Public Appointments Service (PAS). The contact details for the FOI Officer in the Public Appointments Service is set out herewith below:

**Ms. Sinead Dolan**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**  
**Public Appointments Service**  
**Chapter House,**  
**26-30 Upper Abbey Street,**  
**Dublin 1**

Part 2 of your request is seeking 'How many Gardaí are currently employed by An Garda Síochána? Please provide this data as an overall total in addition to total number of males and total number of females.'

Please see below which outlines the personnel strength of An Garda Síochána as of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019. This table also outlines the breakdown of male and female members in the organisation as requested.

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Strength on 31/05/2019</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
Commissioner.	1	1	0
Deputy Commissioner.	1	1	0
Assistant Commissioner.	9	7	2
Chief Superintendent.	47	39	8
Superintendent.	168	153	15
Inspector.	380	316	64
Sergeant.	2,033	1,602	431
Garda.	11,460	8,200	3,260
<b>Total</b>	<b>14099</b>	<b>10,319</b>	<b>3,780</b>

## 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-000224-2019**.

**Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, 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:** IE86BOFI90001710026896  
**BIC:** BOFIE2D

**You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000224-2019 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,

 **ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**  
**MARIA BRODIGAN**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

13<sup>th</sup> June, 2019.