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**Mr. Darragh McDonagh**

## **Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000192-2017 Request Refused**

*Dear Mr. McDonagh,*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2014 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:

*Records of all payments to Fergus Heffernan, CHH Services, or RD Consult for training or other services provided during the years 2010-2017 inclusive; including but not limited to invoices and receipts detailing services and payment amounts.*

I have now made a final decision to refuse your request on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

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

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

I have been advised that following an extensive search within the Finance Directorate, it has been determined that no financial records exist outlining payments to Mr. Fergus Heffernan, CHH Service or RD Consult for training or any other services provided in the years listed above.

Therefore, I must refuse your request pursuant to section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act which states:

***Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI request***

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,

**2. Rights 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-000192-2017**.

Freedom of Information Office,  
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IDA Business Park,  
Johnstown, Navan,  
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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:** IE86BoF190001710026896  
**BIC:** BOFIIIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (**FOI-000192-2017**) 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 been removed, where applicable, to protect confidentiality.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact me by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,

 SUPERINTENDENT  
**HELEN DEELY**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

\_\_\_\_\_ **MAY, 2017**