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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000010-2018 Request Part-Granted

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 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:

*I seek the number of protected disclosures made to the Garda's Protected Disclosures Manager in 2017; The number of emails sent to the ProtectedDisclosuresManager@Garda.ie address in 2017; and the number of calls taken at the dedicated garda phone line for protected disclosures in 2017.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

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

I advise that I am partially granting the first part of your request seeking the "number of protected disclosures made to the Garda's Protected Disclosures Manager in 2017".

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The Protected Disclosures Managers were appointed in June, 2016. I advise that 11 Protected Disclosures were received in 2017. There are currently 2 Protected Disclosure Manager's in place and this is the total amount of disclosures received for both managers.

The second part of your request sought the "number of emails sent to the [ProtectedDisclosuresManager@Garda.ie](mailto:ProtectedDisclosuresManager@Garda.ie) address in 2017". I advise that this email address was in operation for the period of May to December 2016. The email address [ProtectedDisclosuresManager@Garda.ie](mailto:ProtectedDisclosuresManager@Garda.ie) has been replaced under the revised Protected Disclosure Policy which is available on the Garda Website at the following link: <http://www.garda.ie/Documents/User/Protected%20Disclosures%20Policy%20v2.1.pdf> In this regard, I am refusing your request for records outside this period pursuant to 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,

As the above email address is no longer in use, no records have been identified in this regard.

I advise that I am also refusing the final part of your request which sought "the number of calls taken at the dedicated garda phone line for protected disclosures in 2017" in accordance with Section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act as cited above.

The phone line is purely an information service that provides pre-recorded advice on the process of making a Protected Disclosure. This service is unmanned and does not provide a facility to leave recorded messages.

Section 4.2 of the An Garda Síochána's Policy/Procedures Document for the Making of Protected Disclosures outlines the other persons/bodies that members of An Garda Síochána are entitled to make a protected disclosure to.

## **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-000010-2018**.

***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:** Garda Síochána Finance Section Public Bank Account  
**Account Number:** 10026896  
**Sort Code:** 900017  
**IBAN:** IE86B0F190001710026896  
**BIC:** BOFIE2D

**You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000010-2018) 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,

 **SUPERINTENDENT**  
**SHARON KENNEDY**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

30 JANUARY 2018