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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000521-2017 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated the 14th November 2017 and received on the 15th November 2017 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.

As previously advised, your original request was segregated into 2 individual requests. You will also recall that the first part of your original request initially sought:

'Annual statistics on the number of injuries that have been sustained by members of the Gardaí Síochána according to injury sustained in the Republic of Ireland since 2003.'

However, this was subsequently clarified and it was agreed that you would amend your request as set out below:

'Annual statistics on the number of injuries that have been sustained by members of the Gardaí Síochána according to injury sustained in the Republic of Ireland since 2008.'

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 30th November 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

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1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt, your request was forwarded to the Health and Safety Section within An Garda Síochána who have provided the information as sought by you. This information is herewith attached at Appendix A.

An Garda Síochána have a duty of care to their members in the event of an occupational injury. In this regard, there are a number of services available to members who suffer an injury on duty.

The primary service available is that of the Occupational Health Service whose role is to advise the Garda Commissioner on fitness for duty, and to protect, maintain and promote the health of all Garda employees. The Service consists of the Chief Medical Officer, two other Specialist Occupational Health Physicians, three Occupational Health Nurses and Administration staff. The service is complemented by additional specialist medical advisors.

An Garda Síochána is very mindful to the significant occupational demands placed on its members and the exposure to very stressful and traumatic situations. In this content, the implementation of 24/7 independent counselling service for Garda members, reserves and Civilian staff attached to An Garda Síochána is now available to all members of the force.

Requests for counselling services by members can be sought after a traumatic incident dealt with by an individual member or a number of members of An Garda Síochána. Counselling services are available for local management to utilise at their discretion to ensure the health and welfare of their staff. Members dealing with traumatic incidents, such as fatal road traffic collisions or sudden deaths and other such events will on occasion require the expertise of a professional counselling service to reduce the possible impact of dealing with an upsetting event.

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 **F0I-000521-2017**.

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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: IE86B0F190001710026896

BIC: BOFIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000521-2017) 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.

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

OK **DECEMBER, 2017**

Appendix A

OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES TO GARDAI FOR THE PERIOD 2008 TO DATE (23RD NOVEMBER 2017)											
	Assault	Contact with something sharp, pointed or rough	Injured by animal	Manual Handling	Needle Stick Injury/Stab/Blood or body fluid exposure	Other	Psychological shock or trauma	Road Traffic Accident (R.T.A.)	Slips/Trips/Falls	Smoke inhalation	Grand Total
2008	179	0	0	10	3	44	3	95	81	0	415
2009	156	0	0	12	0	38	6	75	73	0	360
2010	175	1	0	16	5	52	0	106	72	0	427
2011	163	0	0	4	5	79	2	84	87	0	424
2012	173	0	0	13	2	48	3	101	63	0	403
2013	237	10	6	20	15	14	3	128	75	5	513
2014	294	42	14	21	26	32	7	105	87	1	629
2015	299	20	4	28	48	32	14	96	87	2	630
2016	272	35	12	43	44	46	2	101	107	0	662
2017	153	39	7	29	36	107	2	61	72	1	507
Grand Total	2101	147	43	196	184	492	42	952	804	9	4970