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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000166-2024 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 10th May, 2024 and received on 13th May, 2024 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 am currently carrying out research relating to the investigation of domestic and sexual related offences which I believe fall under the remit of the Garda National Protective Services Bureau and the respective divisional units. I understand that some investigations of this nature remain locally.

Specifically I am interested in the ratio of male to female officers that make up each of these units.

I would be obliged if you could provide me the number of male and female officers currently working in the National Protective Services Bureau, and in each of the divisional protective service units. I understand from the Garda website there are currently 10 divisional units.

If information relating to one or more of the divisional units is not available, I would be obliged if information relating to the remaining units could still be provided.

This request is made pursuant to Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 31st May 2024. The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt, your request was forwarded to the relevant section of An Garda Síochána to retrieve the information requested by you and a number of records have been identified.

There are 67 members attached to the Protective Services Bureau. This figure consists of 41 Female and 26 Male. The HR system used by An Garda Síochána cannot extract the number of females/males attached to an area broken down by division.

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-000166-2024**.

Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 ND62.

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: An Garda Síochána Imprest Account

Account Number: 30000302

Sort Code: 951599

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You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000166-2024 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 the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

31 MAY 2024.