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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000449-2022 Request Part-Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 21st December, 2022 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:

- 1) Under the freedom of information act can I request: how much money has been spent on training gardai to specifically deal with sex workers*
- 2) How many gardai have been specifically trained to deal with sex workers*
- 3) How many gardai have been specifically trained to deal with victims of sexual violence*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 20th January, 2023.

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 relevant sections within An Garda Síochána. I have numbered the different parts of your request for ease of reference.

Part 1 of your request seeks “*Under the freedom of information act can I request: how much money has been spent on training gardai to specifically deal with sex workers*”. The Financial Management System within An Garda Síochána cannot break down the cost of different types of training, therefore this figure cannot be extracted. In this regard, I am refusing Part 1 of your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 which states:

Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests

15(1)(a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken

Part 2 of your request seeks “*How many gardai have been specifically trained to deal with sex workers*”. As part of the roll out of training to the Divisional Protective Services Units across the country a total of 338 Garda members in 2022 have been trained to deal with Sex Workers. In addition Ruhama/AGS training in the last 7 years, has provided training to 291 Garda members on how to deal with Sex Workers.

Part 3 of your request seeks “*How many gardai have been specifically trained to deal with victims of sexual violence*”. I am advised that all Garda members receive training in dealing with victims of sexual violence, with specialised training provided to those members working in Divisional Protective Services Units.

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-000449-2022**.

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: An Garda Síochána Imprest Account

Account Number: 30000302

Sort Code: 951599

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You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000449-2022) 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,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

25 JANUARY, 2023.