

**Freedom of Information Request related to complaints in the Donegal division 2015 - to mid-September 2020)**

**2020**

Number of complaints received in 2020 across all divisions - 1,185

Donegal Division - 46

	<b><u>Complaints</u></b>
Deemed Inadmissible	15
<b>Admissible:</b>	<b>31</b>
Remain Open	31

<b>Allegation Type</b>	<b>Complaints</b>
Abuse of Authority	5
Criminal Damage	1
Discourtesy	6
Neglect of Duty	5
Non-Fatal Offence	4
Road Traffic Infringement	1
Inadmissible Allegations	15
To be determined	12
<b>Total no. of complaints*</b>	<b>46</b>

\*A complaint may contain within it more than one allegation, therefore the total number of complaints in which each allegation occurred may be higher than the total number of complaints in the division as a whole.

**2019**

Number of Complaints Received in 2019 across all divisions – 1,755

Donegal Division - 45

	<b>Complaints</b>
Deemed Inadmissible	15
<b>Admissible:</b>	<b>30</b>
Remain Open	11
Allegation Withdrawn	4
No breach of discipline regulations identified **	2
Further investigation not necessary or reasonably practicable***	10
Non-cooperation by complainant****	1
Advice	1
Reduction in pay not exceeding 2 weeks	1

<b>Allegation Type</b>	<b>Complaints</b>
Abuse of Authority	6
Corrupt or Improper Practice	1
Discourtesy	5
Neglect of Duty	8
Non-Fatal Offence	7
Sexual Offence	1
Inadmissible Allegations	15
To be determined	3
<b>Total no. of complaints</b>	<b>45</b>

\*\* No breach of discipline regulations identified – At conclusion of investigation the report received by GSOc indicated no breach of discipline.

\*\*\* Further investigation not necessary or reasonably practicable –There was not enough evidence to substantiate either version of events. Complainant could not be proven or disproven.

\*\*\*\*Non-cooperation by the complainant - The complainant failed to engage with investigation.

**2018**

Number of Complaints Received in 2018 across all division - 1,917

Donegal Division - 54

	<b>Complaints</b>
Deemed Inadmissible	22
<b>Admissible:</b>	<b>32</b>
Remain Open	5
Allegation Withdrawn	2
No breach of discipline regulations identified	4
GSOC identified no misbehaviour by member following S98 investigation	1*****
Further investigation not necessary or reasonably practicable	19
Fine imposed	1
Caution	1

<b>Allegation Type</b>	<b>Complaints</b>
Abuse of Authority	7
Corrupt or Improper Practice	2
Discourtesy	6
Discreditable Conduct	1
Falsehood or Prevarication	1
Neglect of Duty	19
Non-fatal Offence	5
Inadmissible Allegations	21
<b>Total no. of complaints</b>	<b>54</b>

\*\*\*\*\*GSOC identifies no misbehaviour following criminal investigation – The most common scenario here is that there was no independent evidence to prove the allegations made.

**2017**

Number of Complaints Received in 2017 across all divisions – 1,949

**Donegal Division - 77**

	<b>Complaints</b>
Deemed Inadmissible	30
Withdrawn prior to decision	2
<b>Admissible:</b>	<b>45</b>
Allegation Withdrawn	5
No breach of discipline regulations identified	8
GSOC identifies no misbehaviour by a member following S98	1
Inadmissible - Not a garda	1
Inadmissible - Does not constitute misbehaviour	5
Further investigation not necessary or reasonably practicable	31
Caution	1
Advice	1
Reduction in pay not exceeding 2 weeks	1

<b>Allegation Type</b>	<b>Complaints</b>
Abuse of Authority	43
Discourtesy	12
Discrimination	2
Falsehood or Prevarication	1
Improper use of Information	4
Neglect of Duty	28
Non-fatal Offence	3
Road Traffic Infringement	1
Other	2
<b>Total no. of complaints</b>	<b>77</b>

**2016**

Number of Complaints Received in 2016 across all divisions – 1,757

Donegal Division - 84

	<b>Complaints</b>
Deemed Inadmissible	46
<b>Admissible:</b>	<b>38</b>
Remain Open	1
Allegation Withdrawn	1
No breach of discipline regulations identified	12
GSOC identifies no misbehaviour by a member following S98	1
Further investigation not necessary or reasonably practicable	22
Inadmissible - Does not constitute misbehaviour	5
Inadmissible - Out of time	2
Caution	1
Advice	2
Fine imposed	1

<b>Allegation Type</b>	<b>Complaints</b>
Abuse of Authority	44
Corrupt or Improper Practices	2
Discourtesy	11
Discreditable Conduct	1
Falsehood or Prevarication	1
Improper use of Information	4
Misuse of Money or Property	2
Neglect of Duty	30
Non-fatal Offence	2
Other	2
<b>Total no. of complaints</b>	<b>84</b>

**2015**

Number of Complaints Received in 2015 across all divisions - 1,995

Donegal Division - 68

	<b>Complaints</b>
Deemed Inadmissible	31
Withdrawn prior to decision	2
<b>Admissible:</b>	<b>35</b>
No breach of discipline regulations identified	12
GSOC identifies no misbehaviour by a member following S98	1
Further investigation not necessary or reasonably practicable	22*****
Inadmissible - Does not constitute misbehaviour	3*****
Advice	2
Warning	1

Allegation Type	Complaints
Abuse of Authority	25
Discreditable Conduct	1
Discourtesy	10
Falsehood or Prevarication	2
Improper use of Information	6
Road Traffic Infringement	1
Neglect of Duty	28
Non-fatal Offence	5
Other	3
<b>Total no. of complaints</b>	<b>68</b>

\*\*\*\*\* It is possible for a complaint to have more than one outcome e.g. a complaint may be inadmissible due to the fact that it does not constitute misbehaviour and it may also be deemed that further investigation not necessary or reasonably practicable.