



GRA Statement

New probationers to get paid leave

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Some 71 recently attested Probationer gardaí are to receive two weeks' leave, following GRA representations to management at local and national level.

Intake 203 were the only current group of Garda Trainees until last week when they completed a week-long period of intensive training and were attested.

"I want to thank my colleague Mark O'Meara who represents GRA at the Garda College for his work in resolving this issue. This is a very welcome development for these people who are setting out on their careers as gardaí. Like everyone else, they have been working long hours policing the pandemic.

"We have now resolved the unfairness of them not getting paid leave after management recognised that their failure to provide time off during their training period should not lead to GRA members' being disadvantaged.

"I hope all those involved enjoy a well-earned break," GRA Deputy General Secretary Ronan Slevin said.

Trainees normally spend 32 weeks in the Garda College and then get two weeks leave at Point 1 of the pay scale before taking up a position in their new station.

But due to closure of the Garda College for much of last year, a backlog in training developed.