

December 15<sup>th</sup> 2016

**BY EMAIL**

Tel: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]

Our Ref: FOI 613

Dear Mr Jefferson,

Your request for information was received on December 13<sup>th</sup> 2016 and was dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please be advised that the Business Services Organisation (BSO) has now completed its search for the information you requested with regards to **why the BSO needs access to the data gathered in the Investigatory Powers Act 2016.**

**The BSO has a Counter Fraud and Probity (CFPS) Business Unit who are empowered by virtue of a direction from the Department of Health (DoH) to take all appropriate action to investigate fraud or corruption in or against Health and Social Care (HSC) bodies and in or against the Department.**

**The Direction was further extended on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2014 to take all appropriate action to investigate fraud or corruption against persons placed in accommodation provided or arranged by a HSC body under articles 15, 36 or 99 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972.**

**Where appropriate, access to the data specified may be considered when undertaking fraud investigations.**

I hope that the information provided assists you. If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter.

In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to

Information Governance Manager,  
2 Franklin Street,  
Belfast,  
BT2 8DQ

If, following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision making panel, you remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request, you may make a complaint under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to

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the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the BSO has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act.

You can contact Information Commissioner at:

**Website:** [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

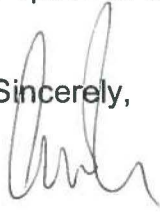
**Phone:** 0303 123 1113

**Email:** [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

**Post:** Information Commissioner's Office, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB

In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out. However the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liam McIvor', written over the text 'Yours Sincerely,'.

**Liam McIvor**  
Chief Executive