

27th April 2021

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Our ref.: FOI/21/150

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Freedom of Information (FOI) request – Prof Iwaniec-Curl

We refer to your Freedom of Information request which was received by the Western Health and Social Care Trust on 13th April 2021. Please see below a Trust response to your request.

How many times has Prof Iwaniec-Curl been the proposed "expert" in proceedings from April 2011-April 2021?

In response, from information available to the Trust, our records indicate that the Western Health and Social Care Trust has consulted with Professor Iwaniec-Curl on six occasions since April 2011.

How many times did the Professor's conclusion/findings differ from the Trust's proposed care plans?

It is the Judge that will make any ruling on findings of an expert witness which is part of the Court proceedings.

Under the most recent practice directions for expert witnesses, it would appear the professor does not qualify, i.e. she "is not currently working and is therefore not up-to-date with current research and teachings". This being the case is the professor employed in any on-going cases?

Professor Iwaniec-Curl is employed in ongoing cases.

The emeritus professor is a retired professor of social work and possesses ZERO clinical/medical qualifications. Is it therefore accepted if Professor Iwaniec-Curl makes reference/comment to any diagnosed conditions she is stepping outside her legal remit?

Any further details will be held by the Directorate of Legal Services (DLS) as the sole provider of legal services for the Health and Social Care Sector (HSC) in Northern Ireland. DLS is part of the Business Services Organisation and further contact details can be found at: www.hscbusiness.hscni.net

We hope you find this response helpful.

Yours sincerely

(Not signed – issued by email)

**Freedom of Information Office
Western Health and Social Care Trust**

Freedom of Information: If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the FOI Office, Lime Villa, Gransha Park, Clooney Road, Londonderry, BT47 6WJ (foi.request@westerntrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, usually within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.