

Freedom of Information Response – FOI 221/22

Your Request:

From the date of constitution of the Behaviour Change Group to 27 January 2022:

1. A list of dates of meetings of the Group; 2. The agenda for each meeting of the Group; 3. The minutes of the proceedings of the Group; and 4. The expenses paid to the members of the Group and the amount spent to support the administration of the Group.

Further I request any reports or recommendations made of the Group to governmental bodies, departments, the Executive and any Ministers.

PHA Response:

The PHA has now considered your information request and our response is provided below:

1. A list of dates of meetings of the Group

The PHA does not hold a list of the dates of meetings of the Behaviour Change Group however, dates of meetings are recorded on the Action Notes and Agendas which are available at Appendix A and B respectively.

2. The Agenda for each meeting of the Group

The Agendas for each meeting of the Behaviour Change Group are available at Appendix B.

3. The minutes of the proceedings of the Group

The Behaviour Change Group recorded proceedings in the form of Action Notes and these are available at Appendix A1 and A2.

4. The expenses paid to the members of the Group and the amount spent to support the administration of the Group.

The PHA does not hold this information; the BCG does not receive funding for its operation as participation is on a voluntary basis.

5. Any reports or recommendations made of the Group to governmental bodies, departments, the Executive and any Ministers.

Any reports or recommendations made by the Group are available at Appendix C

You may note that in Appendices A – C that some redactions have been made and these have been made under Section 40 (2) (Personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act which advises that any personal information which may directly (or indirectly) identify individuals should not be released. Further information in relation to Section 40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act is provided below.

EXEMPTION SCHEDULE

Section 40 Personal information

- (1) Any information to which a request for information relates is exempt information if it constitutes personal data of which the applicant is the data subject.
- (2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if –
 - (a) it constitutes personal data which does not fall within subsection (1),
 - and
 - (b) the first, second or third condition below is satisfied.
- (3A) The first condition is that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act –
 - (a) would contravene any of the data protection principles, or
 - (b) would do so if the exemptions in section 24(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (manual unstructured data held by public authorities) were disregarded.
- (3B) The second condition is that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene Article 21 of the GDPR (general processing: right to object to processing).
- (4A) The third condition is that –
 - (a) on a request under Article 15(1) of the GDPR (general processing: right of access by the data subject) for access to personal data, the information would be withheld in reliance on provision made by or under section 15, 16 or 26 of, or Schedule 2, 3 or 4 to, the Data Protection Act 2018, or

(b) on a request under section 45(1)(b) of that Act (law enforcement processing: right of access by the data subject), the information would be withheld in reliance on subsection (4) of that section.