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Date: 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Our Ref No: FOI 938 18**

Dear Mr Hamill,

**Reference – Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your request for information. Your request was received by email on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Your request has been processed under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I have now had an opportunity to consider your request and my response is set out below. Please accept my apologies for the delay in providing you with my response.

**Request.**

Your request read, *‘Can I request a copy of the Commissioning Plan Direction for the following years:*

*2015/16*

*2016/17*

*2017/18*

*2018/19 (if published yet)*

*Can you also provide me with hyperlink to page where this document is published - if one exists?*

*(Note - this request is not for the commissioning plans themselves - but to the specific Commissioning Plan Direction)’*

**Response.**

I would advise that the annual Commissioning Plan Direction is produced and owned by the Department of Health in Northern Ireland.

In respect of the 2015/16 and 2016/17 Commissioning Plan Directions, these are available on the DoH website at the following link:

- <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/ministerial-priorities>

The 2017/18 Commissioning Plan Direction from the DoH was issued “in draft” to the HSCB while awaiting Ministerial consideration and approval. This was tabled at the September 2017 HSCB Board meeting, along with the associated Commissioning Plan, and can be found on our website at the following link:

- [http://www.hscboard.hscni.net/download/PUBLIC-MEETINGS/HSC%20BOARD/board\\_meetings\\_2017/september\\_2017/Item-08-03-Draft-Commissioning-Plan-Direction-2017-2018.pdf](http://www.hscboard.hscni.net/download/PUBLIC-MEETINGS/HSC%20BOARD/board_meetings_2017/september_2017/Item-08-03-Draft-Commissioning-Plan-Direction-2017-2018.pdf) -

Similarly the 2018/19 Commissioning Plan Direction was issued in draft to the HSCB. The Commissioning Plan Direction and corresponding Commissioning Plan were tabled at the September 2018 HSCB Board meeting, and can be found on our website at the following link:

- [http://www.hscboard.hscni.net/download/PUBLIC-MEETINGS/HSC%20BOARD/board\\_meetings\\_2018/september\\_2018/Item-08-03-Draft-Commissioning-Plan-Direction-2018-19.pdf](http://www.hscboard.hscni.net/download/PUBLIC-MEETINGS/HSC%20BOARD/board_meetings_2018/september_2018/Item-08-03-Draft-Commissioning-Plan-Direction-2018-19.pdf)

I have also attached a copy of each of the Commissioning Plan Directions you sought, from the above locations at appendix 1 through 4 for your convenience.

I trust you find this response helpful, however, if you are unhappy with this response, please contact me and I will initiate an internal review into this matter.

Yours sincerely,

*Kenneth Moore*

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