

**Education Authority Response** 

8 August 20i8

Dear Mr Whittaker

## Freedom of Information Request - FOI 2118 - Simon Whittaker

I write on behalf of the Education Authority in response to your Freedom of Information request dated 10 July 2018

Please see the Authority's response below:

Under the Data Protection Act 1998, Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA), whilst recommended good practice, are not statutory requirements for the use of CCTV. As such The Education Authority does not hold a DPIA for its offices or other buildings at present.

The Education Authority is currently reviewing its policies and procedures around the use of CCTV in all of its premises as part of the Authority's GDPR Implementation Programme. Under the provisions of Article 35 of the GDPR and Recital 91 in conjunction with the recommendations contained in the 'Draft Guidance on DPIA's' issued by the Information Commissioners Office, it is envisaged that DPIA will be completed in respect of CCTV operations and made available to the public via the Authority's publications scheme.

It should be noted however that all schools are registered with the Information Commissioners Office as independent Data Controllers in their own right via their Data Protection Notification and as such are responsible for DPIA's in relation to their own CCTV systems.

If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of this response or the handling of your request, you have the right to appeal it within two calendar months of the date of this response, by writing directly to:

**Head of Communications Education Authority** Academy Street Belfast BT1 2NQ

In the event that you remain dissatisfied, you have the right to complain further to the Information Commissioner's Office at the address below:

The Information Commissioner Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

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Tel: 01 625 54 57 45/0303 123 1113 or

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Yours sincerely

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