

1<sup>st</sup> November 2022

**Joan Corrigan**  
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*Our ref.: FOI/22/357*

**Dear Ms Corrigan**

**RE: Freedom of Information (FOI) request – Exclusion from Best Interest meeting**

We acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information request which was received by the Western Health and Social Care Trust on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022. We apologise for the delay in responding. Please see below a Trust response to your request.

**Your request**

“It has been made clear to me that I, a sibling of a learning disabled adult have been banned from her Best Interests meeting 5 Sept 2022, where her day care will be discussed, it having been cut immediately without reason on her moving to a care home.

I am entitled as her next of kin/ sibling/ advocate/ vested interest person to attend.

**Trust response**

Q1. Please under FOI, provide all the sources you used to equip yourselves with the power you feel you have, to disqualify me from attending that meeting and relate that if applicable to the reason you have as an organisation to exclude me.

**A1. The Trust has no recorded information in relation to this aspect of your request.**

Q2. Please provide under my right to a DSAR, all of the emails or written communication which exists between any/ all staff within WHSCT and between WHSCT and 3rd party orgs which relate in any way to discussions and decisions around excluding me from the meeting.

**A2. The Trust has completed a search of the staff emails with the criteria above but has not located any emails. Therefore the Trust does not hold any recorded information for this aspect of your request.**

Q3. Please outline the names of all staff who were included in discussions and decisions around excluding me.

**A3. The Trust does not hold any information relating to meetings or emails relating to the criteria above. Therefore the Trust does not hold any recorded information for this aspect of your request**

This completes the Trust response to your information request and we would remind you that the Trust has informed you on a number of occasions of its position in responding to requests for information, by you. Going forward, the Trust will be reinforcing this position and will not respond to general questions and any request must be for recorded information (information held on the Trust's information systems). Where previously the Trust has formally responded to you in providing a definitive response or outlined its position, no further information will be provided. This includes requests for personal information of third parties, where the Trust has stated there is no evidence of your legal entitlement to this information.

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 dissatisfied 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](mailto: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 dissatisfied, 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.*

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