

Review FOI 22 May 2014 by [REDACTED]
with legal assistance from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
FOI20140429

Review request: FOI20140429A

Following review this document also lays out the case for the response to
Internal review:

[REDACTED]
FOI20140504

Review request: FOI20140504A

[REDACTED]
FOI20140428

Review request: FOI20140428A

[REDACTED]
FOI20140506

Review request: FOI20140506A

[REDACTED] notified me of the need to carry out a number of
reviews of FOI requests, as the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]: both been involved in the original FOI request I was
the only [REDACTED] of a similar level who could review the case. There
were a total of three requests for similar review including one from [REDACTED]

The request was to internally review an original request made on 28 April 2014
which sought information held by the Commission on:

[REDACTED] FOI20140429A

- Please detail all Statutory Inquiries undertaken by the Commission in date order from 2011.
- Please also confirm the time between first concern received and launching of Inquiry.
- Please detail the process from receiving concern to Statutory Inquiry.

You may name the Charities Charity 1, 2, 3 etc to avoid breach of confidence.

[REDACTED] request was acknowledged on 14 May 2014.

I have checked the ICO guidance, the first step is to ensure the request is valid,
this consists of four checks. Must be:

In writing; the request made in writing on 12 May 2014 which is valid

Includes an address for correspondence; the address is via whatdotheyknow.com which is valid

Describe the information requested; seeking three separate information areas, although not entirely clear what the requesters definition is of 'launching of an Inquiry' or 'undertaken'. Clarification would need to be sought.

Include the requesters real name; in considering whether the requesters name is real I have taken into account the fact that three other requests for review have also been received in a similar time period, which is not the normal pattern of review requests.

Given this the requests may be vexatious and the identity of the applicant is therefore relevant in considering the requests and whether the Commission should progress them further.

A google search on if there was a commonality between the names revealed that all four names [REDACTED] have an association with Jane Austen novels. Given this it is reasonable to believe that the names provided could be pseudonyms.

Individual open searches revealed nothing under [REDACTED] was also a [REDACTED] and note that it is the name which he 'has chosen' and [REDACTED] pulled up no obvious matches but [REDACTED] is also a place name.

The whatdotheyknow website is open to anyone with an email address so there is no guarantee that they are real as its only requirement is that each user must have a 'unique' email address.

The ICO guidance states:

- The Act treats all requesters alike, so you should not normally seek to verify the requester's identity. However, you may decide to check their identity if it is clear they are using a pseudonym or if there are legitimate grounds for refusing their request and you suspect they are trying to avoid this happening, for example because their request is vexatious or repeated. Remember that a request can be made in the name of an organisation, or by one person on behalf of another, such as a solicitor on behalf of a client;

In relation to whether the requests are vexatious and in accordance with the principles of the Upper Tier Tribunal in Dransfield, I have considered:

1. The burden

a) Number - There are five similar requests two of which are being treated as vexatious by the Commission [REDACTED]

Original**Review**

• [REDACTED]	6 May 2014	12 May 2014
• [REDACTED]	6 May 2014	6 May 2014
• [REDACTED]	6 May 2014	22 May 2014
• [REDACTED]	29 April 2014	12 May 2014
• [REDACTED]	28 April 2014	16 May 2014
• [REDACTED]	31 March 2014	22 May 2014

b) Breadth – Below are the various different requests.**1. [REDACTED] FOI20140428A**

Please provide me with copies of all guidance, training manuals or other written documentation given or made available to your staff to assist them in conducting a statutory inquiry, including all advice and guidance given to them in relation to interpretation, whether statutory or otherwise. Please also list any training provided. Please state the date of issue in respect of each piece of guidance etc. issued and the dates of any training provided.

2. [REDACTED] FOI20140504A

1. Number of Concerns about Charities received since January 2010.
2. Number of current Statutory Enquiries since January 2010.
3. Number of concluded Statutory Enquiries since January 2010
4. Number of current Regulatory Enquiries since January 2010
5. Number of concluded Regulatory Enquiries since January 2010.
6. Legal Costs per concluded Enquiry (Regulatory or Statutory) since January 2010
7. Legal costs in total incurred since January 2010
8. Number of charities subject to a Concern, or a Regulatory or Statutory Enquiry, that have eventually been registered as a charity since January 2010.

3. [REDACTED]

Please send me a full breakdown of costs and expenses relating to the statutory enquiry by CCNI into Lough Neagh Rescue and the subsequent attempt to have 5 innocent charity volunteers removed from serving their community.

This should include legal expenses incurred throughout the duration of the charity tribunal process in its entirety including direction meetings and any preparatory time spent with their barrister.

Also any expenses claimed for travel, eating out etc whilst at tribunal or any other meeting relating to this case by CCNI staff.

4. [REDACTED]

Please supply information to explain the safeguards that are in place to help ensure CCNI handles personal data properly.

Detail the processes and safeguards to handle information requests, the dates when they were implemented and any records of meetings were they were discussed and agreed.

Please detail the training provided to staff and please supply your process manual, the date it was brought into use, any updates and their dates of implementation.

5. [REDACTED] DI20140506A

Would you provide via this FOI request the CCNI's Employee Code of Ethics/conduct along with the date in which this was introduced; including, but not limited to policies of neutrality & activity, criminal convictions, respect for others, accountability, stewardship, personal interests, openness and transparency, duty of trust and political neutrality and activity.

6. [REDACTED]

Please provide me with any communications written or otherwise. To or from Craigavon borough council or ANY of its staff members e.g. Paddy Prunty or Steven Frazer. Dated from December 2011 to present date.

To assist you to meet the deadline for producing the documents I have requested, And reduce the costs that you are so concerned about, I will be a little more specific. The dates are the same however you may reduce your searches down to communications of any fashion to or from Craigavon borough council relating to Lough Neagh Rescue. Myself (Robert Orton) or the charity Tribunal associated with. I will email the named request to Admin@ccni so that there may be no embarrassment on a public site. Please be advised this is NOT a new request. The time limit for production is live.

All of the information sought focuses on information relating to enquiries work within the Commission and seeks similar but varying information. When looking at these requests on an aggregate basis, they constitute a very broad request, covering the entire enquiries and compliance unit.

c) Duration:

These requests have all been made in the period of 31 March to 6 May 2014. It is noteworthy that these requests were all made following the hearing of an appeal relating an organisation associated with a statutory inquiry being run by the Commission. I also note that in response to the previous requests, the reviewing officer had identified that the original requests were received shortly after the ICO had issued a response to [REDACTED] in the handling of an earlier Subject Access request on 1 May 2014.

d) Pattern:

A number of similar requests have been submitted:

- [REDACTED] 6 May 2014
- [REDACTED] 6 May 2014
- [REDACTED] 6 May 2014
- [REDACTED] 29 April 2014
- [REDACTED] 28 April 2014
- [REDACTED] 31 March 2014

The timeframe between the original requests is five weeks and the requests are similar in structure (lists of information), topic area and tone. The requests from [REDACTED] are being treated as vexatious. In addition to the Freedom of Information requests, the Commission has also received a series of complaints from people connected to the same statutory inquiry within a one week period on a previous occasion.

2. Motive/value

Given the volume, breath and pattern of the requests, the natural conclusion is that the primary motive behind the requests is to tie up the limited resources of the Commission.

All four of the requesters have already been given an option, as part of the response to the original request, to resubmit the request with proof of identity but have chosen to seek an internal review of the request.

If you wish to resubmit the request, we require you to provide proof of your identity in order to ensure the request is valid. A photocopy of the relevant page of your passport or driving licence or a recent utilities bill would be acceptable. If you wish, you may provide this proof to the Commission via email addressed to the Freedom of information co-ordinator at admin@charitycommissionni.org.uk or by post to Freedom of information co-ordinator, Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, 257 Lough Road, Lurgan, Craigavon, BT66 6NQ.

Having considered the request it is appropriate for the Commission to seek verification of identification prior to progressing these requests. The Commission has appropriately identified a number of potential issues around identity and in line with ICO guidance provided the requesters with assistance and advice on how they might provide evidence, which is appropriate.

In addition, having considered the relevant areas regarding vexatious requests, it is considered that in any event these requests are all vexatious.

Agreed response to requesters:

Dear

Thank you for your e-mail received on xxxxxx 2014, requesting that the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland reviews the handling of your Freedom of Information request, received on xxxxxxxxxx 2014.

You asked the Commission for the following:

- Please detail all Statutory Inquiries undertaken by the Commission in date order from 2011.*
- Please also confirm the time between first concern received and launching of Inquiry.*
- Please detail the process from receiving concern to Statutory Inquiry.*

You may name the Charities Charity 1, 2, 3 etc to avoid breach of confidence.

Having undertaken a review:

- it is appropriate for the Commission to seek verification of identification prior to progressing your request. The Commission has identified a number of potential issues around Identity and in line with ICO guidance provided you with assistance and advice on how you might provide evidence*
- In addition, your request was considered in conjunction with a number of other, similar requests. The aggregate number, breadth, pattern and duration lead the Commission to conclude that your request may be vexatious.*

I understand that you may be disappointed by the outcome of this review, which is based on the Commission's consideration of the Freedom of Information Act and the Information Commissioner's Office's guidance. If you are not satisfied with our decision on internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office.

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Wycliffe House

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Wilmslow

Cheshire SK9 5AF

[REDACTED]

and

[REDACTED]

22 May 2014

[REDACTED]

From: charitycommissionni
Sent: 12 May 2014 09:22
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Internal review of Freedom of Information request - Statutory Inquiries

-----Original Message-----

From: Conla Darcy [<mailto:request-208891-ac2d163d@whatdotheyknow.com>]
Sent: 12 May 2014 08:51
To: charitycommissionni
Subject: Internal review of Freedom of Information request - Statutory Inquiries

Dear Charity Commission for Northern Ireland,

Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.

I am writing to request an internal review of Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's handling of my FOI request 'Statutory Inquiries'.

Dear CCNI, please review your decision, your stance is contrary to the spirit of the Act. I am an independent freelance journalist and this is my name.

A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address: https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/statutory_inquiries

Yours faithfully,

Conla Darcy

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From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

[REDACTED]
29 May 2014 18:26

FW: TRIM: 20140529 - Review Freedom of information request ref: FOI20140429A Conia

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From: McGookin, Punam
Sent: 29 May 2014 18:10
To: 'request-208891-ac2d163d@whatdotheyknow.com'
Subject: TRIM: 20140529 - Review Freedom of Information request ref: FOI20140429A Conia Darcy

19 May 2014

Mr Conia Darcy
Whatdotheyknow

Dear Conia Darcy

Re: Review Freedom of Information request ref: FOI20140429A

Thank you for your e-mail, received on 12 May 2014, requesting that the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland reviews the handling of your Freedom of Information request, received on 29 April 2014.

You asked the Commission for the following:

- Please detail all Statutory Inquiries undertaken by the Commission in date order from 2011.
- Please also confirm the time between first concern received and launching of Inquiry.
- Please detail the process from receiving concern to Statutory Inquiry.

You may name the Charities Charity 1, 2, 3 etc to avoid breach of confidence.

Having undertaken a review:

- it is appropriate for the Commission to seek verification of identification prior to progressing your request. The Commission has identified a number of potential issues around identity and in line with ICO guidance provided you with assistance and advice on how you might provide evidence
- In addition, your request was considered in conjunction with a number of other, similar requests. The aggregate number, breadth, pattern and duration lead the Commission to conclude that your request may be vexatious.

I understand that you may be disappointed by the outcome of this review, which is based on the Commission's consideration of the Freedom of Information Act and the Information

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Yours faithfully

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Head of Charity Services

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[REDACTED]

From: charitycommissionni
Sent: 12 May 2014 09:34
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Internal review of Freedom of information request - Number Of Enquiries

-----Original Message-----

From: The Muckraker [<mailto:request-209625-25e0c8f9@whatdotheyknow.com>]
Sent: 12 May 2014 09:28
To: charitycommissionni
Subject: Internal review of Freedom of Information request - Number Of Enquiries

Dear Charity Commission for Northern Ireland,

Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.

I am writing to request an internal review of Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's handling of my FOI request 'Number Of Enquiries'.

Hello, I believe I have provided you all the information you need in order for you to provide the information requested.

A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address: https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/number_of_enquiries

Yours faithfully,

The Muckraker

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Dear The Muckraker/Mr Bingley

We aim to respond to all requests for internal reviews under the Freedom of Information Act within 20 working days. We will let you know if this time needs to be extended for any reason.

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 May 2014 08:36
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: 20140529 - Review Freedom of Information request ref: FOI20140504A The
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
-----Original Message-----

From: The Muckraker [mailto:request-209625-25e0c8f9@whatdotheyknow.com]
Sent: 29 May 2014 22:43
To: McGookin, Punam
Subject: Re: 20140529 - Review Freedom of Information request ref: FOI20140504A The Muckraker/Mr Bingley

Dear McGookin, Punam,

You appear to have switched defence from pseudonym related to vexatious. This is confusing and evasive, I will advance to the ICO.

Yours sincerely,

The Muckraker

-----Original Message-----

29 May 2014

The Muckraker/Robert Bingley

Whatdotheyknow

Dear The Muckraker/Robert Bingley

Re: Review Freedom of Information request ref: FOI20140504A

Thank you for your e-mail, received on 12 May 2014, requesting that the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland reviews the handling of your Freedom of Information request, received on 6 May 2014.

You asked the Commission for the following:

1. Number of Concerns about Charities received since January 2010.
2. Number of current Statutory Enquiries since January 2010.
3. Number of concluded Statutory Enquiries since January 2010
4. Number of current Regulatory Enquiries since January 2010
5. Number of concluded Regulatory Enquiries since January 2010.
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7. Legal costs in total incurred since January 2010
8. Number of charities subject to a Concern, or a Regulatory or Statutory Enquiry that have eventually been registered as a charity since January 2010.

Having undertaken a review:

. it is appropriate for the Commission to seek verification of identification prior to progressing your request. The Commission has identified a number of potential issues around identity and in line with ICO guidance provided you with assistance and advice on how you might provide evidence

. in addition, your request was considered in conjunction with a number of other, similar requests. The aggregate number, breadth, pattern and duration lead the Commission to conclude that your request may be vexatious.

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Yours faithfully

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From: charitycommissionni
Sent: 16 May 2014 09:03
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Internal review of Freedom of Information request - Information required

-----Original Message-----

From: s.d.beaufort [mailto:request-208581-79ab6af7@whatdotheyknow.com]
Sent: 16 May 2014 00:56
To: charitycommissionni
Subject: Internal review of Freedom of Information request - Information required

Dear Charity Commission for Northern Ireland,

Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.

I am writing to request an internal review of Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's handling of my FOI request 'Information required'.

You have accused me of using a pseudonym, "as there were similar requests made." As far as I can see there was not a similar request to mine. All other government departments exercise the true spirit of the FOIA, except The Charity Commission NI. You have clearly lots to hide. However, despite your "best efforts" I require a full and appropriate answer forthwith, you are NOT above the law.

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Yours faithfully,

s.d.beaufort

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From: McGookin, Punam
Sent: 19 May 2014 18:40
To: 'request-208581-79ab6af7@whatdotheyknow.com'
Subject: Acknowledgement of an information request internal review (Ref: 20140428A)

Dear S.D. Beaufort

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your email, which was received by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on Friday 16 May 2014, requesting an internal review of the handling of a previous information request 'Information required', Ref: FOI20140428, under the Freedom of Information Act.

We aim to respond to all requests for internal reviews under the Freedom of Information Act within 20 working days. We will let you know if this time needs to be extended for any reason.

Kind regards

Punam McGookin
Head of Charity Services

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 May 2014 18:27
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: TRIM: 20140529 - Review Freedom of Information request ref: FOI20140428A
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From: McGookin, Punam
Sent: 29 May 2014 18:18
To: 'request-208581-79ab6af7@whatdotheyknow.com'
Subject: TRIM: 20140529 - Review Freedom of Information request ref: FOI20140428A SD Beaufort

29 May 2014

SD Beaufort
Whatdotheyknow

Dear SD Beaufort

Re: Review Freedom of Information request ref: FOI20140428A

Thank you for your e-mail, received on 16 May 2014, requesting that the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland reviews the handling of your Freedom of Information request, received on 28 April 2014.

You asked the Commission for the following:

Please provide me with copies of all guidance, training manuals or other written documentation given or made available to your staff to assist them in conducting a statutory inquiry, including all advice and guidance given to them in relation to interpretation, whether statutory or otherwise. Please also list any training provided. Please state the date of issue in respect of each piece of guidance etc. issued and the dates of any training provided.

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From: charitycommissionni
Sent: 22 May 2014 09:03
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Internal review of Freedom of Information request - Employee code of ethics/Conduct

-----Original Message-----

From: john spencer [<mailto:request-209552-cfa5c3b1@whatdotheyknow.com>]
Sent: 22 May 2014 00:41
To: charitycommissionni
Subject: Internal review of Freedom of Information request - Employee code of ethics/Conduct

Dear Charity Commission for Northern Ireland,

Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.

I am writing to request an internal review of Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's handling of my FOI request 'Employee code of ethics/Conduct'.

It is unacceptable that you require me to identify myself via passport/driving license details. I do note that only 9 requests have been submitted to your commission; 1 of which did not hold the details required, 2 were refused and 4 you have stated you will not respond to unless you are satisfied of their photographic identity. Please answer my request, otherwise the general public will wish to know why the commission is employing you to provide these details at the expense of the tax payer.

A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address: [https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/employee code of ethicsconduct](https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/employee%20code%20of%20ethicsconduct)

Yours faithfully,

john spencer

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[REDACTED]

From: McGookin, Punam
Sent: 22 May 2014 18:47
To: 'request-209552-cfa5c3b1@whatdotheyknow.com'
Subject: Acknowledgement of an information request internal review (Ref:20140506A)

Dear Mr John Spencer

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your email, which was received by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on Thursday 22 May 2014, requesting an internal review of the handling of a previous information request 'Employee code of ethics/Conduct', Ref: FOI20140506, under the Freedom of Information Act.

We aim to respond to all requests for internal reviews under the Freedom of Information Act within 20 working days. We will let you know if this time needs to be extended for any reason.

Kind regards

Punam McGookin
Head of Charity Services

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 July 2014 11:35
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: HP TRIM CCNI Document : CC1/14/13483 : FOI20140428A response to
[REDACTED] 29 May 2014.DOCX

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 May 2014 09:40
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: HP TRIM CCNI Document : CC1/14/13483 : FOI20140428A response to
29 May 2014.DOCX

[REDACTED]

What do you think?

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 May 2014 09:27
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: HP TRIM CCNI Document : CC1/14/13483 : FOI20140428A response to
29 May 2014.DOCX

That is my concern regarding stating that it is vexatious - if we are going to say they are definitively vexatious then we would need to prepare a vexatious evidence pack for the ICO (we have done that for two other requests which we consider to be vexatious). I thought by not saying it, then at least we are still open to it being a genuine request if the identification is provided.

I also noticed in the three review requests we received that each person asked for a review of "the handling of their request", which is why I added that line in.

Will look at [REDACTED] now.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 May 2014 09:24
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: HP TRIM CCNI Document : CC1/14/13483 : FOI20140428A response to 29 May 2014.DOCX

Thanks [REDACTED]

Need to discuss any change with [REDACTED] as some of the wording was suggested by her and [REDACTED] was also content. But happy to discuss changes, particularly why we cannot say requests are vexatious.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 May 2014 08:59
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: HP TRIM CCNI Document : CC1/14/13483 : FOI20140428A response to [REDACTED] 29 May 2014.DOCX

Morning [REDACTED]

I have checked this response and dates etc are all fine. I have tracked some suggested changes though, which I am happy to discuss.

[REDACTED]

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29 May 2014 18:27

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FW: 20140529 - Review Freedom of Information request ref: FOI20140506A [REDACTED]

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From: McGookin, Punam
Sent: 29 May 2014 18:20
To: 'request-209552-cfa5c3b1@whatdotheyknow.com'
Subject: 20140529 - Review Freedom of Information request ref: FOI20140506A John Spencer

29 May 2014

John Spencer
Whatdotheyknow

Dear John Spencer

Re: Review Freedom of Information request ref: FOI20140506A

Thank you for your e-mail, received on 22 May 2014, requesting that the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland reviews the handling of your Freedom of Information request, received on 6 May 2014.

You asked the Commission for the following:

Would you provide via this FOI request the CCNI's Employee Code of Ethics/conduct along with the date in which this was introduced; including, but not limited to policies of neutrality & activity, criminal convictions, respect for others, accountability, stewardship, personal interests, openness and transparency, duty of trust and political neutrality and activity.

Having undertaken a review:

- It is appropriate for the Commission to seek verification of identification prior to progressing your request. The Commission has identified a number of potential issues around identity and in line with ICO guidance provided you with assistance and advice on how you might provide evidence
- In addition, your request was considered in conjunction with a number of other, similar requests. The aggregate number, breadth, pattern and duration lead the Commission to conclude that your request may be vexatious.

I understand that you may be disappointed by the outcome of this review, which is based on the Commission's consideration of the Freedom of Information Act and the Information Commissioner's Office's guidance. If you are not satisfied with our decision on internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office.

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From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

[REDACTED]
19 June 2014 08:42
[REDACTED]

FW: 20140529 - Review Freedom of Information request ref: FOI20140429A [REDACTED]

FYI

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From: Conla Darcy [<mailto:request-208891-ac2d163d@whatdotheyknow.com>]

Sent: 04 June 2014 10:18

To: McGookin, Punam

Subject: Re: 20140529 - Review Freedom of Information request ref: FOI20140429A Conla Darcy

Dear McGookin, Punam,

Thank you for your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Conla Darcy

-----Original Message-----

29 May 2014

Mr Conla Darcy

Whatdotheyknow

Dear Conla Darcy

Re: Review Freedom of Information request ref: FOI20140429A

Thank you for your e-mail, received on 12 May 2014, requesting that the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland reviews the handling of your Freedom of Information request, received on 29 April 2014.

You asked the Commission for the following:

- . Please detail all Statutory Inquiries undertaken by the Commission in date order from 2011.
- . Please also confirm the time between first concern received and launching of Inquiry.