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Information Services
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Date: 30th August 2012
Our ref: ECC-023325-12

Dear Mr Chilvers,

I am writing to you with reference to your request under the Freedom of Information Act regarding our Information Governance resources, meetings and policies.

Further to our response to you dated 22nd August where we committed to fulfil the outstanding parts of your request by the 28th August, it is with regret that we inform you of our need for further time to consider our response.

The documents which you have requested relating to various board meetings contain information which in our view is exempt. Section 10 (3) of the Freedom of Information Act permits authorities a 'reasonable' period of time to consider the application of such exemptions that require a test of whether the information should be released in the public interest. Please accept our apologies for the further delay, but we now commit to responding to you by end Friday 7th September.

With regard to your subsequent request for an additional year's minutes of the relevant boards, we advise that date for responding is 18th September. The reference we have allocated to this additional request is ECC-024440-12.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, please let me know. If I am unable to resolve the issue immediately, I will explain our complaints procedure.

If, after following our complaints procedure, you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to ask the Information Commissioner to review our decision. You can contact him at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, telephone 01625 454700

Yours sincerely

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