

Mr. Hugh McCloy

*request received via email: request-28696-7360a254@whatdotheyknow.com*

11/02/2010

Dear Mr. McCloy

**Request for information – Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing to confirm that the Northern Ireland Guardian Ad Litem Agency has now completed its search for the information held by it which you requested via email on **09/02/2010**

A copy of the information is enclosed.

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Northern Ireland Guardian Ad Litem Agency in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to FOI Review Officer, Northern Ireland Guardian Ad Litem Agency, Centre House, 79 Chichester Street, Belfast, BT1 4JE.

If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Ronan Durnin  
Information Manager

Information Requested	Response
<p>Please provide details of recorded suicides of natural parents and minors as a result or following unlawful removal of minors to Local Authority Care over the past fourteen years, in cases where guardian ad litem N.Ireland have been involved for the past 5 years.</p>	<p>NIGALA do not hold the information requested.</p>
<p>Please provide details of the amount of cases in where a guardian ad litem have been appointed to family law case, figures to be released as,</p> <p>A) involvement of guardian ad litem in where a child was taken into care</p> <p>B) involvement of guardian ad litem when residence was maintained by a biological parent(s) or other biological family member.</p> <p>for the past 5 years</p>	<p>NIGALA do not hold the information requested. However we can supply the following related information:</p> <p>A) The total number of care orders granted on a child in period (1/1/2005 to 31/12/2009) = 681.</p> <p>This figure only identifies where the HSC Trust has been granted a care order on the child.</p> <p>NIGALA do not hold information where the HSC Trust has removed a child from a family placement into their care in the course of proceedings or as part of their initial application to court.</p> <p>B) The number of residence orders granted on a child in period (1/1/2005 to 31/12/2009) = 95        NIGALA do not hold information in relation to where residence has been maintained within a family unit</p>

As is evident from our responses above, NIGALA do not hold the information that you have requested.

I have consulted with representatives from the Health and Social Care Board with a view to transferring your request. HSC Board do not hold the information you seek access to therefore, I suggest that you contact each of the Health and Social Care Trusts for this information.

For your convenience, I have included the contact details of each HSC Trust should you wish to request information from these organisations.

Organisation	Contact Details
Belfast Health and Social Care Trust	Public Liaison Belfast HSC Trust 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Nore Villa Knockbracken Healthcare Park Belfast, BT8 8BH <a href="mailto:publdiaison@belfasttrust.hscni.net">publdiaison@belfasttrust.hscni.net</a>
Southern Health and Social Care Trust	Head of Corporate Records Southern Health & Social Care Trust Rosedale 10 Moyallen Road Gilford County Down BT63 5JY <a href="mailto:foi.team@southerntrust.hscni.net">foi.team@southerntrust.hscni.net</a>
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust	Information Governance Department Health & Care Centre 39 Regent Street Newtownards Co Down BT23 4AD  <i>No email address provided on website for FOI requests</i>
Northern Health and Social Care Trust	Information Governance Office Causeway House, 8e Coleraine Road, Ballymoney, County Antrim, BT53 6BP  <a href="mailto:Info.governance@northerntrust.hscni.net">Info.governance@northerntrust.hscni.net</a>
Western Health and Social Care Trust	Mr D Houston Information Governance Manager Bridgeview House Gransha Park Clooney Road Londonderry BT47 6TG <a href="mailto:foi.request@westerntrust.hscni.net">foi.request@westerntrust.hscni.net</a>