

By email

24 September 2018

Ref: FOI20180828

Dear Mr Hughes

Thank you for your freedom of information request (ref: FOI20180828), which was received by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 28 August 2018.

Section 14 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) allows public authorities to classify requests as vexatious and/or repeated. The purpose of this provision is to prevent abuse of the "right to know". Vexatious is understood to mean "tending to cause trouble or harassment by unjustified interference". In such circumstances a public authority is not obliged to comply with the request.

The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland has considered your request and determined that the request is vexatious and decided to refuse the request in accordance with section 14 (1) of the FOIA. This correspondence acts as a refusal notice.

If you are not satisfied with this decision, you have the right to have the decision reviewed internally. If you wish to have this decision reviewed internally, please contact the Commission by email to communications@charitycommissionni.org.uk or by post to

The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland
257 Lough Road
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If you are not satisfied with the decision to withhold the information, you have the right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely

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