

Ms Shauna Corr

By Email: request-490737-7e9d67bf@whatdotheyknow.com

Date: 19th June 2018

Our Ref – FOI 897

Dear Ms Corr

Reference – Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information. Your request was received by the Health and Social Care Board (HSCB) on 11th June 2018 and has been processed under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request asked for the following information:

- Can you tell me how many private - as in not HS funded - GP practices are currently operating in Northern Ireland and where they are please?
- How are they managed and what rules do they operate by?
- Who do they answer to with regards to patient's records?

Having consulted with the relevant Directorates across the HSCB I have not identified any information held by the HSCB which answers your questions. I am however advised that General Practitioners or any other doctor working in a purely private capacity in Northern Ireland would be required to register with the Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (RQIA). Should you wish to consider contacting RQIA contact details can be found on their website at the following link:

[https://www.rqia.org.uk/contact/freedom-of-information-\(foi\)-data-protection/freedom-of-information-requests/](https://www.rqia.org.uk/contact/freedom-of-information-(foi)-data-protection/freedom-of-information-requests/)

I am sorry I could not be of further assistance to you on this occasion. Should you be unhappy with this response or how your request was

processed please come back to me and I will initiate an internal review of the matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth Moore". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Ken Moore
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