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Our Ref: RFI 23743

Dear A Henry

Re: Review of Freedom of Information Requests

I refer to your email 9 July 2018 requesting that the Trust undertake an internal review of your Freedom of Information (FOI) request in relation to Professor Dorota Iwaniec-Curl. Your request was referred to me, as the Head of Information Governance to undertake the review in conjunction with Ms J Lewis, Assistant Director, Children's Services.

Having now completed the internal review, I can confirm the following:

- Professor Dorota Iwaniec-Curl's involvement in cases in connection with Family Proceedings is not held on a centralised information system, as the Trust has no business need for this data.
- The number of family proceedings the Trust had involvement in from April 2013 to July 2018 is not held on a centralised information system, as the Trust has no business need for this data.
- The Trust was involved in a dedicated audit in 2016 and 2017 which results in the following information being available:
 - In 2016 the Downpatrick, North Down and Ards sectors had 46 applications, involving 90 children.
 - In 2017, the Downpatrick, North Down and Ards sectors had 25 applications, involving 40 children.
- The Lisburn sector does not record this data centrally and was not involved in the audit.

As part of our review, three charts from 2016/2017 were examined to determine if the information sought was recorded and, how accessible it was to the reviewer. On average, it took 50 minutes per file to complete these tasks.

Using only the information available for the two sectors over a two year period, over 130 charts would require manual review. This work would take a minimum of 44 hours and would only provide information for Downpatrick and North Down & Ards Sectors.

The time required to complete a review of all cases for a 5 year period from April 2013 to July 2018, is not measurable, as it would require the review of approximately 12,000 cases.

In conclusion, the internal review has confirmed that the information requested is not centrally recorded on an information system. To obtain the information would require an extensive manual exercise, and would exceed the "Appropriate Limit" as defined by the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The review therefore upholds the application of Section 12 (1).

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely



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