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Dear Mr Dunlop

Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Reference Number: DOH/2021-0324

Thank you for your FOI request of 16th November 2021 in which you ask “Pursuant to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, please provide all material and/or evidence, which the Department considered and/or relied upon in reaching any decision to issue guidance or recommendations about the wearing of masks as part of preventing the spread of Covid-19 (and/or any variant thereof) and/or as part of a response to Covid-19 (and/or any variant thereof).”

The Department considers your request to be exempt pursuant to s22 of the FOIA (information already available). The information that informs decisions on the wearing of face coverings can be found on the Department of Health’s Freedom of Information Page on the website.

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/freedom-information-disclosures-2021>

If you feel that the information we have provided does not fully meet your request please contact us at 02890528689 in the first instance. You have the right to request a formal review by the Department within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you wish to do so, please write to Mr Brendan O’Neill (foi@health-ni.gov.uk), Annexe 3, Castle Buildings, Stormont, Belfast BT4 3SQ.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Dale".

Christine Dale
Local Information Manager