

Caroline Kelly

Via email – request-757554-217c14a2@whatdotheyknow.com

Date: 21st June 2021

Our Ref No: FOI 1228 21

Dear Ms Kelly,

Reference – Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information. Your request was received by email on 22nd May 2021. Your request has been processed under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I have now had an opportunity to consider your request and my response is set out below and in the attached appendices.

Request.

Your query read, *“I should be obliged if you would provide me with a copy of the latest practitioner or staff guidance for Self Directed Support developed in 2021 or completed in 2021 or, if in still in draft format, the latest draft guidance.*

If revised user guides and/or guides for unpaid carers are available in final or draft format please provide copies of these.”

Response.

Following discussions with colleagues, I can advise that the HSCB is not in receipt of information as outlined in your request.

I am however aware that the Health Trusts are currently undertaking a piece of work in this area with a view to ensuring regional consistency in relation to processes and associated supporting documentation.

As this work is ongoing, the extant *‘Self-Directed Support (SDS) Practitioner Guidance’* remains operational across all five Health and Social Care Trusts in Northern Ireland, and I attach a copy at appendix 1, for your convenience.

You may wish to direct your request to the five Trusts, who may be in a position to consider your request. I have included contact details at appendix 2 attached for your convenience.

I trust you find this response helpful, however, if you are unhappy with my response, please contact me and I will initiate an internal review into this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Moran', written in a cursive style.

Mr Peter Moran
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