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Date 24/02/2020
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Dear Dr Coull,

**Freedom of Information Act Request Ref 7232
Screening For Autism Spectrum Disorder In Child Protection Case Workers**

With reference to your request for information dated 6th February 2020 regarding the above, please find below your questions and our responses:-

People with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), or people with both a low Empathy Quotient and high Systemizing Quotient are ill suited to work that requires a high EQ and SQ (balanced brain) such as child protection work.

Are social workers working in children and family services screened for ASD or high SQ/low EQ issues?

There is no requirement that social workers will be screened for any of the conditions referenced.

I hope this information is helpful. If you are unhappy with my response, I am very happy to discuss this with you further. Alternatively you have the right to ask for an internal review by making a formal request in writing to the Freedom of Information Officer, NHS Highland, Assynt House, Beechwood Park, Inverness, IV2 3BW or via email at High-UHB.FOIRRequestsHighland@nhs.net. Your request should explain why you wish a review to be carried out and should be made within forty working days of receiving this letter.

If you remain dissatisfied following the investigation of your review, then you have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of the date of receiving the review response. Contact details are as follows:

Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
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Telephone: 01334 464610
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Yours sincerely

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On behalf of

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