

6<sup>th</sup> August 2019

**BY EMAIL**

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**Our Ref: FOI 1087**

Dear 

Your request for information was received on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and was dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please be advised that the Business Services Organisation (BSO) has now completed its search for the information you requested with regards to the number of pharmacies in Northern Ireland between 2000 and 2018.

Please find this information attached.

I hope that the information provided assists you. If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter.

In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to

Information Governance Manager,  
2 Franklin Street,  
Belfast,  
BT2 8DQ

If, following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision making panel, you remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request, you may make a complaint under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the BSO has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act.

You can contact Information Commissioner at:

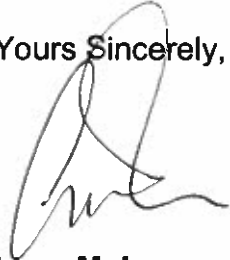
**Website:** [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)  
**Phone:** 0303 123 1113  
**Email:** [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)  
**Post:** Information Commissioner's Office  
3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place



Belfast  
BT7 2JB

In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out. However the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liam McIvor', written over a faint, illegible stamp or watermark.

**Liam McIvor**  
Chief Executive

## **Number of Pharmacies in Northern Ireland, 2000 - 2018**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Pharmacies</b>	<b>Date Recorded</b>
2000	507	Oct-00
2001	509	Oct-01
2002	508	Oct-02
2003	509	Oct-03
2004	511	Oct-04
2005	510	Oct-05
2006	512	Mar-06
2007	515	Mar-07
2008	517	Mar-08
2009	521	Mar-09
2010	525	Mar-10
2011	529	Mar-11
2012	534	Mar-12
2013	533	Mar-13
2014	534	Mar-14
2015	535	Mar-15
2016	533	Mar-16
2017	533	Mar-17
2018	532	Mar-18
2019	532	Mar-19

### **Data sources**

2000 - 2005 CSA & BSO Clerical Records, Pharmstat Database and Annual Statistical Reports. □

2006 -2019 BSO Pharmacy Database