

26th May 2021

BY EMAIL

Our Ref: FOI 1267

Dear 

Your request for information was received on 23rd June 2020 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 ICT Documents.

Please accept my apology for the delay in providing you with a response.

1) ICT/IM&T/IS Strategy

The Digital Health and Care Northern Ireland (DHCNI), as part of the Health and Social Care Board (HSCB), are the commissioner of regional ICT services for Health and Social Care Northern Ireland (HSCNI) and therefore develop this strategy. As the strategy you are seeking is therefore a regional one, please refer your request to DHCNI

2) ICT Organisational Chart

Please refer to Appendix 01

3) ICT Annual or Business Plan

The BSO does not have a separate ICT business plan. Instead, please refer to corporate business plans, available via:

<http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/about/CorporateInformation.htm>

4) ICT Capital Programme/budget

The overall capital spend is £16,057,121. Please be advised that a further breakdown by project / programme is considered exempt from disclosure under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('Commercial Interests'). Section 43 is a qualified exemption, and is therefore subject to a Public Interest Test – a copy of which is attached for your reference.



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
Phone: 0303 123 1113
Email: 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 that reads "Karen Bailey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Karen Bailey
Acting Chief Executive

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Public Interest Test

Public Interest Test: Further breakdown of BSO's ICT Capital / Programme Expenditure

Exemption claimed in respect of Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000: Commercial Interests

In favour of disclosure of information	In favour of not disclosing information
<p>Expenditure of public money requires openness, transparency and accountability and disclosure of information could aid the public's understanding.</p>	<p>There is a public interest in ensuring that companies can compete fairly and that there is fair competition for public sector contracts. The disclosure of the information may prejudice contractor's market position and therefore their commercial interests.</p> <p>There is also a limited market for such large scale service contracts. The disclosure of the information would or would be likely to prejudice the successful bidder's market position and may also prejudice other bidders' market position therefore their commercial interests.</p>
<p>Disclosing information could feasibly aid the public in understanding public authority contracting arrangements and tendering processes.</p>	<p>Disclosure of this commercially sensitive information would or would be likely to cause prejudice to the commercial activities of Health and Social Care Northern Ireland (HSCNI), by affecting adversely its negotiating position during current contractual negotiations which would result in the less effective use of public money.</p>
	<p>Disclosure may deter suppliers from bidding for future opportunities. This in turn may lead to HSC not being able to attract the optimum service providers. This therefore would or would be likely to likely to prejudice the commercial interests of HSC Organisations and ultimately impact on the quality of service provided to the public.</p>

ITS Org structure for senior officers

April 2021

Mark Bradley
Director

David Bryce
Assistant Director







