

**26th June 2023**

**BY EMAIL**

**Our Ref: FOI 1975**

Dear [REDACTED],

Your request for information was received 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 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 previous ETM interview questions for the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service.

Firstly, please accept my apologies for the delay in providing you with a formal response.

Please be advised this information is considered exempt from disclosure under section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('Commercial Interests'). As this is a qualified exemption, a public interest test 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, as the BSO, along with all other public authorities are not obliged to accept internal review requests after this period has lapsed.

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 cursive script that reads "Karen Bailey".

**Karen Bailey**  
Chief Executive

## Public Interest Test

Interview questions for ETM roles for the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service.	
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
Details of public service recruitment processes require openness, transparency and accountability.	To publicly release the information sought is likely to adversely affect the viability of the recruitment process (i.e. for a live recruitment exercise, or any similar future exercises), thereby prejudicing the commercial interests of Northern Ireland Ambulance Service.
	To provide the information sought would disadvantage other applicants and therefore reduce the effectiveness of the recruitment process for a public service post by potentially compromising the calibre of the candidates.