



**Business Services
Organisation**

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BY POST

Our Ref: FOI 1041

Dear Sirs,

Your request for information was received on 5th April 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 Xanax.

BSO's Family Practitioner Service (FPS) can confirm that they are unable to locate a drug with the name of 'Xanax', but note that you may instead be referring to 'Xanax' (Pfizer Ltd).

Xanax is not allowed on NHS prescriptions; however, it can be prescribed and written on private prescriptions. BSO does not hold information regarding the potential volume of this prescribing, as private prescriptions are not submitted to the BSO.

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

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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, appearing to read 'Liam McIvor', written over the closing 'Yours sincerely,'.

Liam McIvor
Chief Executive