HSC Business Services Organisation

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BY EMAIL
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Our Ref: FOI 1098

Dear [redacted]

Your request for information was received on 9th August 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 NICE Guidelines and its impact on procurement.

Having reviewed your request I can advise that Business Services Organisation, Procurement and Logistics Service (BSO PaLS), conduct the procurements associated with products and services used by all Health organisations including the HSC Trusts within Northern Ireland.

The implication/responsibility of implementing NICE Guidance DG34 is a matter for Trusts. Requirements to take forward all procurements including those arising from such guidance will be advised by Trusts. At this time BSO PaLS has no knowledge of how Trusts are dealing with this DG34 requirement. Trusts may of course plan to carry out resulting procurements and this will be agreed with BSO PaLS in terms of the appropriate options, procurement routes and timeframes available.

Considering the above position may I suggest that you contact the HSC Trusts directly. I have attached the contact details for the respective Trust FoI offices by way of assistance.

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,

Liam McIvor
Chief Executive

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Trust contact details:

Belfast Trust:

Public Liaison
Belfast HSC Trust
1st Floor, Nore Villa
Knockbracken Healthcare Park
Belfast
BT8 8BH

Email: publicliaison@belfasttrust.hscni.net

Northern Trust:

Information Governance Office
Northern Health and Social Care Trust
Causeway House
8e Coleraine Road
Ballymoney
County Antrim
Northern Ireland
BT53 6BP

Tel: 028 2766 1293
Email: info.governance@northerntrust.hscni.net

Southern Trust:

Head of Corporate Records
Southern Health and Social Care Trust
Ferndale
Bannvale Site
10 Moyallen Road
Gilford
BT63 5JY

Tel: 028 3883 3250
Email: foi.team@southerntrust.hscni.net

South Eastern Trust:

Information Governance Department
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust
Lough House
Ards Hospital
Church Street
Newtownards
BT23 4AS

Email: foi.request@setrust.hscni.net

Western Trust:

Freedom of Information Office
Administration Building
Altnagelvin Hospital
Glenshane Road
Londonderry
BT47 6SB

Email: foi.request@westerntrust.hscni.net

Contact details for each of the Health and Social Care Trusts in Northern Ireland can be found on their websites should you wish to redirect your request to them. The links to the five Trust's are as follows:

Websites with further contact details:

http://www.belfasttrust.hscni.net/

http://www.northerntrust.hscni.net/

http://www.southerntrust.hscni.net/

http://www.setrust.hscni.net/

http://www.westerntrust.hscni.net/