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8th July 2021

BY EMAIL

Our Ref: FOI 1497

Dear [REDACTED]

Your request for information was received on 3rd June 2021 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 how many women occupy the top jobs in the Health Service in Northern Ireland.

Please find this information below.

We should advise you that the BSO is responding to this FOI on behalf of the following organisations:

- Business Services Organisation (BSO)
- Health & Social Care Board (HSCB)
- Public Health Agency (PHA)
- Patient Client Council (PCC)
- Northern Ireland Social Care Council (NISCC)
- Northern Ireland Guardian Ad Litem Agency (NIGALA)
- Northern Ireland Practice and Education Council (NIPEC)
- Northern Ireland Medical & Dental Training Agency (NIMDTA)
- Regulation & Quality Improvement Authority (RQIA)

As I believe was advised in our clarification e-mail of 14th June 2021, we are not in a position to respond on behalf of the other Health Trusts within Northern Ireland. You will need to request this individually from each of the Trusts or alternatively you may be able to obtain this information from each of the Trusts' respective annual reports.

In response to your FOI request, the BSO can advise that of the 9 organisations listed above, 7 out of the 9 organisations have female Chief Executives.



However, we can advise that with effect from 01st July 2021 this will increase to 8 of the above 9 organisations that will have female Chief Executives.

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,
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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, flowing style.

Karen Bailey
Acting Chief Executive