



Patient and Client Council
5th Floor, 14-16 Great Victoria Street
Belfast
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17th September 2025

By Email

[Redacted]

Ref: FOI 2568

Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing to you in response to your Freedom of Information request received by the Patient and Client Council (PCC) on 27th August 2025 in which you requested information relating to fertility discussions, as held by the PCC:

- 1. All emails or correspondence between PCC staff and representatives of the Department of Health or the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust concerning:**
 - Fertility or sterilisation issues in connection with the neurology patient recall;
 - Patient impact or consultation regarding reproductive health concerns.
- 2. All correspondence between PCC staff and [Redacted], acting in any liaison or patient representative capacity, on the above topics.**
- 3. Any meeting minutes, agendas, notes, or summaries from events where fertility concerns of recalled neurology patients were discussed or reviewed.**

Please find enclosed the information that is held by the PCC regarding the above.

Please note that redactions have been carried out to the enclosed document on the grounds of this information falling outside the scope of your request.

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 PCC, 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 The Business Services Organisation (BSO), which provides an Information Governance service on our behalf:

Post: Information Governance Manager,
2 Franklin Street,
Belfast,
BT2 8DQ

Email: foi.bso@hscni.net

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 to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PCC has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act

You can contact Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office – Northern Ireland
10th Floor
Causeway Tower
9 James Street South
Belfast
BT2 8DN

Telephone: 0303 123 1114

Email: ni@ico.org.uk

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,



Fionnuala Murphy
Business and Governance Manager
Patient and Client Council

