

Patient and Client Council

Your voice in health and social care

Head of Development and Corporate Services

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15th February 2022

By Email

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Ref: FOI 1650

Dear [Redacted]

I am writing to you in response to your Freedom of Information request received by the Patient and Client Council (PCC) on 26th January 2022 in which you requested information relating to the recent advertisement for 13 Non-Executive Council Member roles, by the Patient and Client Council.

As you may be aware, Patient and Client Council Members are appointed by the Minister for Health. The recruitment process is conducted by the Department of Health's Public Appointments Unit (PAU) in accordance with the requirements of the Commissioner for Public Appointments for Northern Ireland. The PAU is solely responsible for the advertisement and recruitment process.

The PCC shared the Department of Health's recruitment post on the PCC website and on Twitter. The appropriate links are listed below for your referral:

DoH seeking 13 Non-Executive Members to the PCC Council - Patient and Client Council Northern Ireland (pcc-ni.net)

<https://pcc-ni.net/doh-seeking-13-non-executive-members-to-the-pcc-council/>

Department of Health on Twitter:

"The Department of Health is seeking to appoint 13 Non-Executive Members (5 Local Government Reps, 5 Voluntary Organisation Reps, 2 Lay, & 1 Trade Union Rep) to The @PatientClient Council (PCC). Deadline for applications: 12pm Friday 3 December

<https://t.co/HZiRdmffCK> <https://t.co/0DesChrIVU> / Twitter

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 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 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: icocasework@ico.org.uk
Post: Information Commissioner's Office
3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place
Belfast
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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,

Carol Collins
Business Support Manager PCC