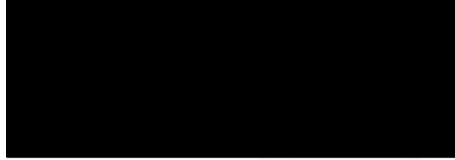


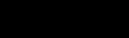
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9 July 2020

**Our Ref: 038 2020**

**Re: – FOI decision granting request**

Dear ,

I refer the request you made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 on 9 June 2020. I note you that your request, as refined in an email dated 17 April 2020, was for a copy of the following:

*all correspondence between the HIQA CEO and the Health Minister/Department of Health Secretary General/ HSE Director General from 1 January 2020 to 31 January 2020 and from 16 April 2020 to May 2020.*

I, Kathleen Lombard, have now made a final decision to grant your request. This decision was made today, 9 July 2020.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision. This explanation has the following parts:

1. A schedule of all of the records covered by your request and
2. A statement of how you can appeal this decision should you wish to do so.

This letter addresses each parts in turn.

### **1. Schedule of records**

A schedule is enclosed with this letter, it shows the documents that I considered to come within the scope of your request. You will note that there is no formal correspondence; however in the interest of transparency, I have included relevant emails which reflect a pattern of direct engagement between the parties included under your FOI request.

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## 2. Rights of appeal

If you are unhappy with this decision you may seek an internal review. In the event that you wish to do so, please e-mail [foi@hiqa.ie](mailto:foi@hiqa.ie). The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of the Authority. Please note that a fee of €30 applies in the case of an internal review.

You should make your appeal within 4 weeks, from the date of this notification, where a day is defined as a working day excluding, the weekend and public holidays. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances.

If you have any queries in relation to this decision, please contact the FOI Liaison Officer, Sean Lynch, on [foi@hiqa.ie](mailto:foi@hiqa.ie) or 085 8050586.

Yours sincerely

Kathleen Lombard  
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