

Private & Confidential

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31 March 2022

Our Ref.: FOIR 013 022

Re: – Freedom of Information Request

Dear ██████████

I refer to the following request which you made under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2014 for records held by the Health Information and Quality Authority:

- Correspondence related to the response to COVID-19 between HIQA and Tymon North Nursing Home from 27th of March 2020 to present. The request excludes routine correspondence related to the registration process and report development and publication process.
- Copies of all protected disclosures (redacted if necessary) from the 27th of March 2020 made by staff members at Tymon North Nursing Home until the present day

Your request was received by the Health Information and Quality Authority on 21 January 2022 by email. We wrote to you on 3 February 2022 to inform you that fees would be required for your request.

1. Decision

A final decision has been made today, 31 March 2022, to refuse your request on the basis that no fee payment has been made in respect to this request. If you wish to make a fresh request for this information, we will be happy to assist you.

This basis for refusing a request in these circumstances is provided for by Section 15(1)(h) of the FOI Act, which states:

15. (1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where—

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(h) a fee or deposit payable under section 27 in respect of the request concerned or in respect of a previous request by the same requester has not been paid,

2. Appeal Rights

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. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of HIQA. Please note that a fee of €30 (€15 for medical card holders) applies in the case of an internal review of non-personal FOI requests.

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 an appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances.

3. Publication

It is the policy of HIQA to make decisions on non-personal FOI requests, including this decision letter and a copy of the records released, available to the public on our website <https://www.hiqa.ie/about-us/freedom-of-information>. Any personal information relating to you, such as your name etc., will be removed from the decision letter before this happens. This decision letter and the records released under FOI, will be added to our website approximately one week after today's date.

If you have any queries in relation to this decision, please feel free to contact Sean Lynch at foi@hiqa.ie.

Yours sincerely,

Siobhan Nunn
Regional Manager