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18 October 2022

Our Ref. FOIR 089 022

Re: Decision on FOI request (grant)

Dear [REDACTED]

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 (HIQA):

Correspondence between senior HIQA officials with the HSE Chief Operations Manager concerning capacity issues on foot of the unannounced inspection of the Emergency Department at University Hospital Limerick

1. Decision on FOI request

I, John Tuffy, am the decision maker in respect of your FOI request and I have decided to grant your request.

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

- a schedule of the records covered by your request;
- a statement of how you can appeal this decision should you wish to do so; and,
- a statement on the publication of FOIs.

This letter addresses each of these parts in turn.

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2. Schedule of records

A schedule is enclosed with this letter which shows the documents that I considered to come within the scope of your request. You have been granted access to all relevant records.

3. Rights of appeal

If you are unhappy with this decision you may seek an internal review. An internal review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of staff within HIQA. Please note, a fee of €30 (or €10 for medical card holders) applies in the case of an internal review. In the event that you wish to make an appeal, please e-mail foi@hiqa.ie.

A request for an internal review should be made within 20 working days of the date of this decision. However, in appropriate circumstances, a late application for an internal review may be considered.

4. Publication

It is the policy of HIQA to make decisions on non-personal FOI requests, including the decision letter and a copy of any records released, available to the public on our website <https://www.hiqa.ie/about-us/freedom-of-information>. This is to assist others who may be seeking the same information, in line with the objectives of openness and transparency. Any personal information relating to you, such as your name and address etc., will be removed from the decision letter before this happens.

A summary of your request and the outcome of the decision made in respect of it will also be recorded in HIQA's FOI Disclosure Log, available on HIQA's website.

If you have any queries in relation to your FOI request please feel free to contact foi@hiqa.ie.

Yours sincerely,



John Tuffy
Head of Healthcare