



Email:

17th June 2022

Our Ref:

Dear

Re: Request for information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I refer to your request for the following information:-

Please could you kindly send me any information you may hold relating to persons who are/were known to the Council via any of the following teams and who have died with:

***- no known next of kin (defined as blood relatives) OR
- where you have been unable to engage with or locate any KNOWN next of kin.***

Please provide details of cases that have occurred or come to your attention since 15/04/2022 to the day of your reply or as close as possible.

The name of the team responsible varies but exists within all County Councils, London Boroughs, Unitary & Metropolitan District Councils.

Team names:

- Deputyship
- Appointeeship
- Adult social care
- Client Finance Team
- Protection of Property
- Financial Assessment
- Other team name whereby Council official(s) were charged with handling the financial affairs of the (now deceased) person

Please provide as much of the following information as you can:

- 1. full names of deceased persons,*
- 2. dates of death,*
- 3. marital status,*
- 4. maiden surnames of married or widowed females,*
- 5. dates of birth or ages at death,*
- 6. last known addresses,*
- 7. estimated value of estates,*
- 8. date(s) when the information was passed (or information that is about to be or likely to be passed) to the Government Legal Department (formerly Treasury Solicitor) or the Duchy of Lancaster or Cornwall **or any other 3rd party,** or, confirmation that this will not be happening and the reason why.*

Decisions made by the Northern Health and Social Care Trust ('the Trust') in relation to the release of information that the Trust holds, are governed by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the Data Protection Act (DPA)/GDPR 2018 and other pieces of associated legislation.

The Northern H&SC Trust owes a duty of confidentiality which extends beyond death. The Trust considers the information you have requested is personal information about a third party and is therefore exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2), of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response, you may request an Internal Review... in writing or by email to the Data Protection Officer, Mrs Nicola Lyons, at the addresses below:-.

dataprotectionofficer@northerntrust.hscni.net

Or

Mrs Nicola Lyons
Data Protection Officer
Information Governance Department
Route Complex
8e Coleraine Road
Ballymoney
Co Antrim
BT53 6BP

I trust that the information provided is helpful to you. However, if I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,
(electronically sent; therefore not signed)

Information Governance Officer