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External and Internal emails correspondence associated with the Irish Traveller Community

Request

I am making a request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act. The Act covers all recorded information held by a public authority.

Please provide the following information. all external and internal emails correspondence, associated to the Irish traveller community from 1 April 2018 to present day 7.08.22, please provide all emails shared between these groups, and associated to the Irish traveller community.

- **Roma Community Association.**
- **Community Restorative Justice.**
- **Barnardo's.**
- **Extern.**
- **HEART Healthy Living Centre.**
- **Public health agency.**
- **Traveller Early Intervention Project.**

Response

Your request has now been considered by Belfast Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act and we would advise that this will not be processed any further for the reasons set out below.

We have reached a decision to aggregate this requests on the basis that your request and three others are clearly linked and there is an overarching theme or common thread running between the requests in terms of the nature of the information that has been requested and the timing. In coming to this decision we have referred to the Information Commissioner's guidance on "Requests where the cost of compliance with a request exceeds the appropriate limit" and Section 12(4) of the Act which states that where two or more requests for information are made to a public authority by one person, or by different persons who appear to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign, relate to the same or similar information, received within 60 days of each other, the estimated total cost of complying with all of them.

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We have spent 14 hours locating, retrieving and extracting information to three similar FOI requests of the same nature and to fulfil this request would necessitate a manual interrogation of data which would involve a significant number of hours. This would exceed the costs limit specified in the FOI act.

In accordance with Section 12(1) of the FOI Act, the Trust is not obliged to comply with any request for information if we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450 (ie.18 hours at £25 per hour plus disbursements).

In accordance with the FOI Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.