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Partial Retirement

We have been told that partial retirement for 1995 scheme came in on 1 April 2024 and that there has been a problem with the partial retirement forms.

I requested a copy of all information held by the Trust in respect of the development, approval and release of the partial retirement forms.

- **You refer a regional group. Please provide a copy of all information held by the regional group. (The Trust will hold this information, being a member of the regional group)**

The information drafted by the regional working group is not owned by Belfast Trust and we do not have express permission of all other Trusts to share this information.

- **You refer to information having been shared with Trusts regionally. Please provide a copy of all information that has been shared with and by the Belfast Trust.**

The information requested at the above who points is exempt from release under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – ‘Information Intended for Future Publication’.

This is a qualified exemption and I can confirm that a Public Interest Test has been carried out and reasons to maintain the exemption are greater than the public interest in disclosing the requested information.

This information will be published in due course, however it is currently in draft form and therefore subject to change.

- **You refer to no final agreed date. Please provide a copy of all information held by the Belfast Trust in relation to implementation date.**

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- **You add that Trusts and HSC Pensions await confirmation of additional resource to allow processes to be operationalised. Please provide a copy of all information held by the Belfast Trust in relation to the need, request for, and confirmation of, additional resource.**

This information is exempt from release under Section 36 (2)(b)(ii) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – ‘Prejudice to Effective Conduct of Public Affairs’.

The Trust feels this would inhibit the free and frank exchange of views for the purposes of deliberation.