

## Question:

This Freedom of Information request concerns, but is not limited to, the Department of Health's Children's Social Care Services Strategic Reform Programme Board: Fostering workstream.

- Please provide a copy of the latest version of the fostering workstream work plan, associated timescales, and any timescale updates or reviews from January 2025 to December 2025.
- Please provide a copy of the minutes and notes of all meetings of the Fostering workstream from January 2025 to December 2025.
- Please provide a copy of all papers circulated to, tabled, or discussed at meetings of the fostering workstream from January 2025 to December 2025.
- Please provide a copy of all reports, working papers, presentations, and fostering strategy documents being considered by the fostering workstream from January 2025 to December 2025.
- Please provide a list of operational fostering policies, protocols, schemes, and standards documents currently under review by the fostering workstream from January 2025 to December 2025.
- Please provide a copy of any paper, report, document, presentation, analysis, correspondence, or business case, including evidence provided to the Northern Ireland Assembly, related to the development of foster care allowances in the period January 2025 to December 2025.
- Please provide a copy of any paper, report, document, presentation, analysis, correspondence, commissioned report, or business case, including evidence provided to the Northern Ireland Assembly, related to the development by the Department of Health of a Foster Care Fee Paid Framework.
- Please provide a copy of the workstream risk register and issue notifications from January 2025 to December 2025.
- Please provide a copy of the reports produced for or by the workstream from January 2025 to December 2025.
- Please provide a copy of all minutes/notes of all meetings for any sub-group task and finish groups for the period January 2025 to December 2025.

## Response:

Please see the enclosed documentation in response to the above points. You will see a number of redactions made throughout the documents, details of the relevant exemptions applied can be found in the attached Exemption Schedule.

*Appendices may be requested from the Information Management Branch (IMB) if required at the following address:*

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