

Question:

For the period July 2025 to present, please provide:

- Internal Department of Health emails and attachments
- Inter-departmental communications between DoH and PHA, NICR, DAERA, local councils, and other public authorities
- Records held in TRIM or other electronic records management systems
- Internal briefing notes, submissions, and situation reports
- Draft and final media statements and media handling lines
- Pre-prepared media Q&A or press briefing material
- Meeting minutes, call notes, and internal summaries
- Requests for analysis, advice, or data shared between bodies
- Internal communications concerning communications or media strategy on this matter”

Response:

Following a refinement discussion with the DoH FOI team, you agreed to this search under the following combined terms:

- “cluster + children's cancer”
- “cluster + mid ulster”
- “cluster + Sperrins”

We have now conducted a search of the information held and the information that falls within the scope of your request is provided within the attached Annex.

This Annex contains both internal and external correspondence, a Submission and a Correspondence case. These search terms also identified several AQW's (AQW 39146/22-27, AQW 39147/22-27, and AQW 39148/22-27) which have not been included, as they are publicly available and therefore exempt under Section 21 of the FOI act. These can be found at:

<https://aims.niassembly.gov.uk/questions/search.aspx>

Some information contained within the attached Annex has been redacted on the basis that it relates to junior staff members and includes details that may lead to the identification of specific individuals. These redactions have been applied in accordance with relevant data protection legislation and established FOI guidance to ensure that personal and potentially identifiable information is appropriately safeguarded.

If you wish to request a copy of the annexes for this response, please contact the Information Management Branch team at FOI@health-ni.gov.uk.

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