

## Question:

Under Freedom of Information regulations I would like to know:-

I am seeking a copy of correspondence/written response provided by the former Health Minister, Robin Swann MLA to Rachel Woods MLA following the Question for Urgent Oral Answer On Continuing Healthcare on 14 September 2021.

During the exchange Ms Woods asked the Minister about a person who had applied for a Continuing Healthcare assessment, had not been assessed, subsequently died and whose family had been charged care home fees.

The Minister stated that he was aware that Ms Woods had specific constituency cases and said " If she is content I will come back to her in writing on the specifics."

I have been unable to locate the subsequent written response in the publicly available Assembly records.

Could you please check whether:

1. A written response was in fact issued
2. If There is an AQW/AQO or other reference number associated with the response
3. And a copy of the response provided.

If no written response was issued, I would be grateful if the Department could confirm this. I have received written confirmation from both Ms Woods and Assembly Communications Office that they do not have a copy of the Ministers reply

I would be grateful for any assistance in locating this historical correspondence.

## Response:

Following a search of Departmental records, we can confirm this was a supplementary question asked by Rachel Woods, MLA following an urgent oral that had been asked by another MLA. Despite enquiries being made and checks of the records available to the

Department, we have not identified any separate written response issued to Ms Woods specifically arising from the Minister's undertaking during that Assembly exchange.

In relation to your query and based on a search of Departmental records I would advise the following:

1. The Department has not identified a separate written response to Ms Woods arising from the Minister's comments during the Urgent Oral Question on 14 September 2021.
2. The Department has not identified an associated AQW, AQO or departmental reference number for such a response.
3. The Department is therefore unable to provide a copy of the correspondence requested.

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