Question:

In a note dated 16 March 2018 to Richard Pengelly, Chris Matthews (DOH) states "My note of 22 February 2018 suggested that, in view of the contested nature of the draft findings of COPNI's investigation into DMCH, the Department should seek rapid and independent assurance."

Please let me have a copy of Chris Matthew's above note to Richard Pengelly dated 22 February 2018.

Response:

The relevant document was released.

Question:

All records of communications from COPNI to DOHNI in connection with COPNI's forthcoming Investigation Report. Clearly COPNI sent a draft to DOH. Also records of all internal discussions within DOH generated by COPNI's draft Report particularly relating to "the contested nature of the draft findings of COPNI's investigation into DMCH".

Response:

In relation to the first sentence, the relevant documents were released.

In relation to the second and third sentences the Department did not receive a Draft Report from COPNI.

Question:

In an email dated 30 April 2018 to CPEA Ltd Jerome Dawson, Elderly and Community Care Unit, DOH, states "Attached is a Zip Folder which contains copies of Departmental correspondence in relation to the Commissioner for Older People's (COPNI) ongoing investigation. Also include are copies of any letters that the Trusts or RQIA forwarded to us on a for information".

Please let me have copies of the above Zip Folder & letters.

Response:

The Department has withheld this information under Section 35 of the Act.

Question:

What was the cost of the report from CPEA Ltd. and who is responsible for paying this.

Response:

The cost is not yet available. The Department of Health is responsible for payment.

Question:

In an email dated 27 April 2018 Jerome Dawson states "I am sure you will recall from the meetings that you attended with Sean Holland and Chris Matthews in regard to COPNI's outgoing investigation into Dunmurry Manor Care home that it was the Department's intention to appoint someone independent to undertake a review of the actions taken by not only the Department but the Trusts and RQIA in relation to DMCH."

Please let me have all records surrounding the above referred to meetings.

Response:

Relevant documents were released.

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