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BY EMAIL

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Our Ref: FOI 429

Dear

Your request for information was received on August 3rd 2015 and was dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please be advised that the Business Services Organisation (BSO) has now completed its search for the information you requested with regards to statistics on the level of mental health service usage by the BME community of Health and Social Care Northern Ireland (HSCNI) and the number of BME community within the workforce.

With regards to your first query I can confirm that, as indicated to you by our Director of Human Resources, the BSO does not provide direct patient/client care as we are a business support service to HSCNI.

Based on equality information held by BSO Human Resources, I can confirm that there is currently one employee in the categories we use for Black & Ethnic Minority classification.

I hope that the information provided assists you. If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter.

In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to

Administrative Services Manager,
2 Franklin Street,
Belfast,
BT2 8DQ

If, following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision making panel, you remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request, you may make a complaint under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the BSO has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act.



You can contact Information Commissioner at:

Website: www.ico.org.uk

Phone: 0303 123 1113

Email: casework@ico.org.uk

Post: Information Commissioner's Office, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB

In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out. However the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Yours Sincerely,

David Bingham
Chief Executive