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Our Ref: FOI 486, 487 & 488

Your request for information was received on January 5th 2016 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 the application for the relocation of Boots UK Ltd from Park Centre, Donegall Road, Belfast to Kennedy Centre, Falls Road, Belfast.

In your request, reference FOI 486; you requested the following information:

1. The number of prescription Items dispensed in Northern Ireland by Community Pharmacies during the period January to December (inclusive) 2015.
2. The total number of licensed Contractors in Northern Ireland as of December 2015.
3. The monthly average number of prescription items per licensed contractor for the period January to December (inclusive) 2015.

Please find attached document which details the information you have requested.

In your request, reference FOI 487; you requested a copy of the minutes of the Pharmacy Practices Committee (PPC) meeting held on April 20th 2015. Please be advised that the PPC is a committee of the Health and Social Care Board (HSCB). As such, the minutes of any meetings are held by HSCB and should be requested from same. For your convenience the contact email address for HSCB Freedom of Information Requests is foi.hscb@hscni.net.

The information in response to your request reference FOI 488 (information pertaining to the number of prescriptions dispensed by pharmacies for the periods September to August 2013/14 and September to August 2014/15) has already been published in the BSO Freedom of Information disclosure log. The information that you require can be found at this link: <http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/information/2637.htm> and by opening the attachment to FOI 442.



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