

[REDACTED]

08 April 2020

Our Ref: FOIR 015 020

Re: Decision to grant 015 020

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

I refer to your request dated 12 March 2020 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for records held by the Health Information and Quality Authority. Your request sought:

a copy of all concerns that HIQA has received in relation to Oberstown Children Detention Campus since January 1, 2019.

The aim of the Health Information and Quality Authority is to advance high-quality and safe care for people accessing health and social care services in Ireland. HIQA is responsible for the monitoring, and inspection of both statutory and private foster care services, in Ireland.

HIQA does not have a remit to investigate individual complaints; however, all unsolicited information, which can be received from anyone concerned about Oberstown Children Detention Campus, is used to inform the Authority's monitoring of this service.

Where HIQA has concerns related to the safety of children receiving these services and the quality of care that they are receiving, providers are required to take immediate action to address this.

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HIQA inspector's follow-up with providers to ensure that the actions are being implemented and are resulting in improvements for children.

Where there are risks to the safety of children in Oberstown or where the provider has failed to address areas of concern repeatedly, HIQA can take escalated action.

I, Bronagh Gibson, have now made a final decision to grant your request on 8 April 2020. I consider release of the information in electronic format as an appropriate form of access in this case. Accordingly, the schedule of documents and a copy of the record is now attached.

Rights of appeal

If you are unhappy with this decision you may appeal it. Please note that a fee applies for an appeal, with the exception of an appeal against the imposition of a €30 fee. In the event that you need to make such an appeal, you can do so by e-mail to foi@hiqa.ie. Payment should be made by way of electronic transfer. Please contact the FOI Office for further details.

You should make your appeal within 4 weeks, from the date of this notification, where a day is defined as a working day excluding, the weekend and public holidays. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of the Authority.

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Yours sincerely,

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