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**Our Ref. FOIR 012 022**

23 February 2022

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Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to your request dated 21 January 2022 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for records held by the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA).

Your request was the following:

- Correspondence related to the response to COVID-19 between HIQA and St Brigid's Nursing Home from 1st of March 2020 to 30th March 2020. The request excludes routine correspondence related to the registration process and report development and publication process.
- Copies of all protected disclosures (redacted if necessary) from the 1st of March 2020 made by staff members at St Brigid's Nursing Home until 30th March 2020.

I have now made a final decision to grant your request on 23 February 2022.

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## Right of appeal

If you are unhappy with this decision you may seek an internal review. In the event that you wish to do so, please e-mail [foi@hiqa.ie](mailto:foi@hiqa.ie). The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of HIQA. Please note that a fee of €30 (€10 for medical card holders) applies in the case of an internal review of non-personal FOI requests.

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.

## Publication

It is the policy of HIQA to make decisions on non-personal FOI requests, including this decision letter and a copy of the records released, available to the public on our website <https://www.hiqa.ie/about-us/freedom-of-information>. Any personal information relating to you, such as your name etc., will be removed from the decision letter before this happens. This decision letter and the records released under FOI, will be added to our website approximately one week after today's date.

If you have any queries in relation to this decision, please feel free to contact the FOI Administrator, Sean Lynch, on [foi@hiqa.ie](mailto:foi@hiqa.ie) or 085 8050586.

Yours sincerely,

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Regional Manager

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