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Our Ref. FOIR 056 022

3 May 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request dated 12 April 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:

Any correspondence/memos/briefings from the past 9 months between the chief inspector or chief executive of HIQA to Paul Reid of the HSE relating to the risk of hospital-acquired infection, including antibiotic resistance.

Any correspondence/memos/briefings between Hiqa's chief inspector or chief executive and Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly or his secretary general relating to the risk of hospital-acquired infection, including antibiotic resistance, from the past nine months

1. Decision

A final decision has been made today to refuse your request on the basis that the records sought do not exist.

2. Appeal Rights

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. 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 20 working days from the date of this notification. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances.

3. Publication

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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 Officer Sean Lynch on 085 8050586 or by email at foi@hiqa.ie.

Yours sincerely,



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