

JULY – SEPTEMBER 2020

Date Received	Our Ref. 2020	Summary of Request	Category of Requester	Decision Date	Decision Made
30/09/2020	355	Under the FOI Act, to request all guidance, data, evidence or similar reports supplied by HIQA to NPHET and NPHET subcommittees in relation to Covid19. This would include but not be limited to correspondence from the HIQA unit entitled Health Technology Assessment Directorate	Public	02/11/2020	Part-Granted
28/09/2020	353	Correspondence the Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly and the Chief Executive of the Health Service Executive Paul Reid in relation to "Contact Tracing"	Journalist	23/10/2020	Refused
25/09/2020	352	Letters and e-mails received by the Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly from members of the public since taking office which mention the word ‘trampoline’.	Journalist	13/11/2020	Part-granted
25/09/2020	351	Correspondence between Japan Tobacco International and the Department of Health / Department of Health and the HSE re; menthol tobacco products.	Public	19/10/2020	Refused
24/09/2020	350	Correspondence between Minister of State Mary Butler and the Department of Health, in relation to the Fair Deal Scheme from May-August 2020.	Public	20/10/2020	Part-Granted

17/09/2020	348	Meeting minutes and associated documents relating to the Inter-Sectoral Group convened by Mary Wallace TD in 2009, re; Report of the Inter-Sectoral Group on the Implementation of the Recommendations of the National Taskforce on Obesity.	Public	03/11/2020	Part-Granted
24/09/2020	347	Corr between the Private Hospital Association and Minister Harris/Donnelly during 2020.	Journalist	21/10/2020	Granted
24/09/2020	346	Access to any records relating to the call documented in this lobbying return between Michael Cullen and Stephen Donnelly. https://www.lobbying.ie/return/64021/beacon-hospital-sandyford-ltd	Journalist	21/10/2020	Refused
24/09/2020	345	Correspondence between the Attorney General's Office and the Department of Health in 2019 on mandating vaccines for children attending creches and schools.	Public	22/10/2020	Refused
23/09/2020	344	Amount spent on the communication of Covid-19 messages via influencers on any social media platform & communications on the subject of using influencers to communicate Covid-19 messages on social media platforms.	Journalist	22/10/2020	Refused
21/09/2020	343	All corr to the Minister for Health from Fianna Fáil TDs regarding the delay in reducing the cost of prescription charges for medical card holders	Journalist	30/09/2020	Part-granted
21/09/2020	342	All corr to the Minister for Health from Fianna Fáil TDs regarding the delay in widening eligibility for medical cards	Journalist	19/10/2020	Part-Granted

23/09/2020	341	All corr to the Minister for Health from Fianna Fáil TDs regarding the Covid-19 public health restrictions	Journalist	16/10/2020	Refused
23/09/2020	340	Records in relation to the use of social media influencers held by the communication team at the Department of Health.	Journalist	22/10/2020	Refused
21/09/2020	339	Total of cost of public relations services surrounding the 'Living with Covid-19' plan	Journalist	10/11/2020	Refused
21/09/2020	338	Corr between Stephen Donnelly and Reid / Ronan Glynn, in relation to Covid-19.	Journalist	19/10/2020	Part-Granted
18/09/2020	337	Records, information and details held in the department in relation to the cost of the Living with Covid launch on September 15th 2020.	Journalist	12/11/2020	Part-Granted
18/09/2020	335	Data given to the Department of Health by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine re; categorising Food Production facilities/ meat processing facilities re; Covid 19. Public Health Assessments that have taken place in meat factories since February 2020.	Public	16/10/2020	Refused
17/09/2020	334	All communication between the European Commission and Ireland regarding draft Commission Regulation amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards botanical species containing hydroxyanthracene derivatives.	Public	13/10/2020	Refused

08/09/2020	333	All documents, including any subsequent correspondence and/or internal departmental communications, related to the following lobbying return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/61210/the-medical-protection-society-limited	Journalist	06/10/2020	Part-Granted
08/09/2020	332	All documents, including any subsequent correspondence and/or internal departmental communications, related to the following lobbying return: https://www.lobbying.ie/return/61209/the-medical-protection-society-limited	Journalist	06/10/2020	Refused
14/09/2020	331	Records relative to consultations engaged in by the Minister for Health or the HSE pursuant to section 42(9) or section 43(2) of the public service pay and pension act / records relative to pharmacy claims payments and/or fees from January 2017.	Business Interest Group	18/12/2020	Part-Granted
14/09/2020	330	Reviews carried out by the Minister for Health pursuant to Section 42 (14) of the Public Service Pay and Pension Act from January 2018 to Date.	Business Interest Group	18/12/2020	Part-Granted
14/09/2020	329	Report conducted by Mazars Professional services on HSE medicine reimbursement and pricing process.	Business Interest Group	16/09/2020	Refused
15/09/2020	328	Tender/contractual documents re; hiring Teneo to assist with Covid-19 communication, copies of corr between the Department and staff members at Teneo.	Journalist	13/10/2020	Granted
14/09/2020	327	Corr between the Irish Farmers Association and Department re growing medicinal cannabis, reports conducted by/on behalf of the Department in the last 18 months on the efficacy of growing medicinal cannabis in Ireland.	Journalist	13/10/2020	Part-Granted

11/09/2020	325	Lobbying by all stakeholders with the Minister regarding the banning of menthol cigarettes.	Journalist	05/10/2020	Refused
09/09/2020	324	Amount paid out by the Department on promoting social media posts re; Covid-19 + copies of emails between the Department's communications team and Minister for Health / CMO on the subject of social media posts to be made relating to Covid-19	Journalist	05/10/2020	Refused
07/09/2020	323	All corr between Department of Health and the Food Safety Authority re; budget and funding of the Local Authority Veterinary Service. Briefings & memos between the Department of Health and the Food Safety Authority Chief Executive re; Covid 19.	Public	05/10/2020	Part-Granted
24/08/2020	322	Corr between the Department and Failte Ireland / Hotel Federation of Ireland re; the public health guidance and advice on hotels, specifically citing indoor events and capacity.	Journalist	14/10/2020	Part-Granted
04/09/2020	321	The Data Protection Impact Assessment required under Article 35 of the GDPR, considering Regulations 11-14 of SI 326/2020.	Public	07/10/2020	Refused
04/09/2020	320	Corr between Horse Racing Ireland chief executive Brian Kavanagh and the Minister/Officials/CMO relating to Covid-19.	Journalist	07/10/2020	Refused
03/09/2020	319	Corr between the Secretary General of the Department of Health and the Chief Executive of the HSE / Secretary General of the Department of Public Expenditure Corr between the Minister for Health and the Minister for Public Expenditure / Taoiseach.	Journalist	16/12/2020	Part-Granted

03/09/2020	318	Corr between the Irish Council for Civil Liberties (ICCL) and the Ministers Offices within the Department of Health.	Journalist	14/10/2020	Part-Granted
26/08/2020	316	Corr/minutes re; meetings held by the Department of Health to join the European Union's deal with pharmaceutical group AstraZeneca and Oxford University	Journalist	23/09/2020	Refused
28/08/2020	315	Corr sent by FAI; IRFU; GAA to CMO Tony Holohan/Ronan Glynn re; Covid-19 Corr sent by industry bodies (listed below) to CMO Tony Holohan re; Covid-19 Industry bodies: Licensed Vintners Association; Vintners Federation of Ireland; Irish Hairdressers Federation; Confederation of International Beauty Therapy & Cosmetology; Irish Aviation Authority; Ryanair; Aer Lingus; IBEC; Irish Hotels Federation.	Journalist	07/10/2020	Granted
28/08/2020	314	Corr claiming Covid-19 cures/treatments sent to CMO Tony Holohan re; Covid-19	Journalist	07/10/2020	Granted
28/08/2020	313	Corr sent by public representatives to CMO Tony Holohan in relation to Covid-19.	Journalist	14/10/2020	Granted
31/08/2020	312	Data protection breaches in the Department of Health since 2019, and the number of which were referred to the Data Protection Commissioner.	Journalist	03/09/2020	Granted
28/08/2020	311	Records re; public houses and bars closing due to covid-19.	Business Interest Group	07/10/2020	Granted

27/08/2020	310	Selection process for the Covid-19 Nursing Home Expert Panel and the wages of those selected. Correspondence between the office of the Minister for Health and Tony Holohan / Chief Executive of HIQA / Deputy Chief Executive of HIQA re: the Covid-19 Nursing Home Expert Panel.	Public	27/10/2020	Part-Granted
28/08/2020	309	Corr between the Minister for Health and the HSE CEO / Chair of the HSE Board on Covid-19 between the dates 27 June and 27 August.	Journalist	10/12/2020	Part-Granted
27/08/2020	308	Copies of the actual mileage claim forms submitted by Minister Simon Harris for the calendar year 2020 + a record of how much was paid to the minister for each claim forms.	Journalist	05/10/2020	Granted
27/08/2020	307	Reports, notes to the Minister or the Secretary General re; delays in delivery of flu vaccines/	Journalist	24/09/2020	Granted
27/08/2020	306	A copy of the Department of Health-commissioned report on exclusion zones	Public	24/09/2020	Refused
26/08/2020	305	Records relating to the "brief statement of intent" being prepared that will set out the principles and objectives of a public genomic medicine service + a copy of the "background paper" that was developed in February for consideration by the Management Board	Journalist	23/09/2020	Refused
26/08/2020	304	Corr between the Minister / Secretary General and the chair of the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board OR the board itself	Journalist	30/09/2020	Refused
26/08/2020	303	Corr re; the plan to establish a no-fault compensation scheme for people who develop illnesses after receiving vaccinations + any subsequent meetings.	Journalist	02/10/2020	Part-Granted

26/08/2020	302	<p>Corr re; the decision to offer the seasonal flu vaccine without charge to all at risk groups from six months up, healthcare workers and children aged from two to 12 this year + any subsequent meetings.</p> <p>Corr re; traditionally low take up of the flu vaccine by healthcare workers + any subsequent meetings.</p>	Journalist	03/11/2020	Granted
20/08/2020	301	Emails between the Minister, his secretary or his special advisors, and officials at the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht sent 19 August, concerning measures introduced this week with respect to the cultural sector. Also internal corr / external corr with Dept of Taoiseach on press statements clarifying these measures.	Journalist	16/09/2020	Part-Granted
26/08/2020	300	Corr to and from the offices of Ministers based in the Department regarding the Oireachtas Golf Society from the period 01 March 2020 and the present day.	Journalist	06/11/2020	Part-Granted
24/08/2020	298	Records held by the Dept/Ministers that mention Scientology, Narconon, any mentions at all of a private drug rehab opening up in the town of Ballivor, County Meath, Drug Free World, CCHR, The Way To Happiness, Criminon, Dianetics	Public	07/10/2020	Part-Granted
20/08/2020	297	Non-payment to Senior HSE Managers of the pay award (capped at 5%), effective from 14th September 2007, as approved by Government pursuant to Review Body Report No 42 – Higher Remuneration in the Public Service.	Public	22/09/2020	Part-Granted
19/08/2020	294	Corr between the Minister/Department and meat processing companies listed below in relation to Covid-19 + subsequent minutes/agendas from meetings held. Any internal briefings documents on Covid-19 in meat processing plants.	Journalist	16/09/2020	Granted

19/08/2020	293	Info that the Department has been collecting/collating from Irish Social Media Accounts.	Public	14/09/2020	Granted
19/08/2020	292	All corr between Simon Harris/his office and Charle Flanagan/ his office re; COVID-19 and direct provision centres. All corr between Stephen Donnelly/his office and Helen McEntee/her office re; COVID-19 and direct provision centres.	Journalist	16/09/2020	Refused
18/08/2020	290	Corr between Master of the Rotunda Hospital and the Department of Health re; the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit and premature babies in its care.	Public	22/10/2020	Granted
12/08/2020	288	Consultant reports, guidance, advice and demand models commissioned by HSE and/or Dept of Health on the subject of PPE, between March and August 2020.	Business Interest Group	21/10/2020	Refused
17/08/2020	287	Copy of the review of hospital car parking charges carried out by the HSE since 2018, correspondence from patient advocates groups re; the car parking review over the past year. A copy of the subsequent implementation plan.	Journalist	10/09/2020	Refused
17/08/2020	284	Correspondence between the Department of Health and the HSE and RCSI Hospitals Group re; the Midwifery Led Unit at Cavan General Hospital + minutes or notes of meetings.	Journalist	28/09/2020	Granted
14/08/2020	283	Correspondence dated 27th July from Secretary General of the Department of Health to the HSE CEO in respect of COVID19 measures.	Business Interest	10/09/2020	Granted
13/08/2020	282	The following records for the NPHET subgroup called the "Vaccine Strategy Group" 1) correspondence on the selection criteria and process for membership 2) dates, minutes and agendas for Subgroup meetings	Public	10/09/2020	Granted

		3) correspondence between this Subgroup and NPHET itself 4) correspondence submitted by 3rd parties to the Vaccine Subgroup in relation to the activities of the Subgroup			
13/08/2020	281	Correspondence between the Minister for Health and the chairman of the HSE / the secretary general of the Department of Health and the chief executive of the HSE / correspondence or briefing material received from the HSE as a briefing for the new Minister for Health	Journalist	27/11/2020	Part-Granted
12/08/2020	280	briefings, memos, reports, submissions, or other such review or overview documents prepared for the Minister or Sec Gen or NPHET relating to the possible presence of Covid-19 in nursing homes during February of this year.	Journalist	27/10/2020	Refused
12/08/2020	279	Corr or documents supplied to the Department around an audit of Pieta House. NOSPs interaction around emergency funding related to COVID. Correspondence with the HSE in relation to Pieta, the mental health charity.	Public	09/09/2020	Granted
12/08/2020	278	Correspondence and documentation (sent during 2020) between Department of Health and Genomics Medicine Ireland, minutes of any meetings that took place. Correspondence and documentation (sent during 2020) between Department of Health and Genuity Science, minutes of any meetings that took place.	Journalist	03/09/2020	Refused
11/08/2020	277	Correspondence/Minutes re; a meeting that took place in 2019 between the Department and representatives from Nestle	Business Interest Group	08/09/2020	Part-Granted
11/08/2020	276	Correspondence/Minutes re; a meeting that took place in 2019 between the Department and IBEC/UNESDA.	Business Interest Group	08/09/2020	Part-Granted

11/08/2020	275	Correspondence/Minutes re; a meeting that took place in 2019 between the Department and IBEC Prepared Consumer Foods Council	Business Interest Group	08/09/2020	Part-Granted
07/08/2020	273	Corr from nursing home service providers and/or HIQA regarding facilities having to pay/incentivize GPs to attend their patients. Corr between DoH and HSE on the same issue.	Journalist	04/09/2020	Granted
10/08/2020	272	Corr between the office of the Minister for Health and Cervical Check re; Covid-19.	Journalist	05/10/2020	Refused
10/08/2020	271	Corr to/from Dr Ronan Glynn / Minister Donnelly re; Covid-19 in meat plants.	Journalist	23/10/2020	Part-Granted
31/07/2020	270	Meeting in July 2011 when the Minister, HSE, HIQA and public representatives discussed risks of continuing acute services at small acute hospitals/reconfiguring services between the County and Portlincorney to mitigate.	Public	03/02/2021	Granted
07/08/2020	269	Minutes of the last four meetings of the Medical Leaders Forum as of today's date	Journalist	19/11/2020	Granted
06/08/2020	267	International evidence, reports, documents relating to NPHET advice to the government not to reopen "wet" pubs in Ireland.	Journalist	30/09/2020	Granted
05/08/2020	264	Corr between the Minister for Health and the Health Minister of the Northern Ireland Executive on the issue of the Covid-19 pandemic.	Journalist	18/09/2020	Refused

05/08/2020	263	Minutes from the last four meetings of the National Physical Activity Plan implementation.	Journalist	02/09/2020	Granted
30/07/2020	262	Correspondence between Minister Donnelly and the World Health Organisation regarding the wearing of face masks or face coverings.	Journalist	18/09/2020	Refused
18/06/2020	259	Records re; the closure of public houses related to the Covid 19 Pandemic.	Business Interest Group	19/08/2020	Part-Granted
28/07/2020	258	All records showing the human vaccines indemnified by the State as of July 2020	Public	25/08/2020	Refused
27/07/2020	257	Details re; any purchases of computer equipment, mobile, tablets, laptops, etc or requests for office space, furniture, decorations on behalf of the Minister/Ministers of State.	Journalist	05/09/2020	Part-Granted
27/07/2020	256	A report forwarded to Minister for Health Simon Harris from south/south west Hospital Group Board Chair in relation to an Elective Hospital in Cork:	Oireachtas	20/08/2020	Granted
24/07/2020	255	Correspondence between the Department of Health and the Dublin District Coroners regarding COVID-19 deaths and the performance of post-mortems/autopsies.	Public	17/09/2020	Refused
24/07/2020	254	Correspondence and records regarding COVID-19 vaccination.	Public	27/08/2020	Granted

23/07/2020	252	Number of SS STCs claimed in 2019 with the code AI (termination of pregnancy)	Business Interest	28/07/2020	Refused
06/07/2020	250	Members of the National Public Health Emergency Team, fees paid, mins of all meetings held.	Journalist	04/08/2020	Refused
17/07/2020	249	Correspondence between the DoH and HSE's David Walsh, national director community operations. Corr between DoH officials and the HSE (internal and external) re; inadequate preparation in nursing homes for COVID-19.	Public	18/08/2020	Granted
16/07/2020	245	Correspondence to and from the Minister for Mental Health in relation to child and adolescent mental health services in the CHO 5 area between April and May 2020.	Journalist	14/08/2020	Part-Granted
16/07/2020	244	All documentation and records in the possession of the Department of Health pertaining to the Group Home for people with disabilities at Carrickmacross, Co Monaghan.	Oireachtas	28/08/2020	Part-Granted
16/07/2020	243	Correspondence to the Minister for Health from TDs and Senators regarding the Covid-19 restrictions.	Journalist	14/09/2020	Granted
16/07/2020	242	Correspondence between the Department of Health (Minister/Sec General/ Head of Social Care) and Sarah Bardon with the Office of An Taoiseach between 10 May and 30 June. Speaking notes/briefing prepared for Minister Harris re; how the World Health Organisation had said that Ireland was honest in its reporting of nursing home deaths.	Public	10/09/2020	Refused

15/07/2020	241	Briefing notes relating to the National Children's Hospital prepared for Minister for Health	Journalist	12/08/2020	Part-Granted
13/07/2020	240	Correspondence between the office of the Minister for Health and the National Paediatric Hospital Board, in relation to the National Children's Hospital.	Journalist	11/08/2020	Refused
13/07/2020	239	Records referring or relating to the procurement of an Electronic Health Record (e-Health) for the new National Children's Hospital.	Journalist	18/08/2020	Refused
13/07/2020	238	Email correspondence received and sent by/to Niall Redmond, Social Care Division Department of Health in respect of Dealgan House Nursing Home	Public	07/08/2020	Part-Granted
10/07/2020	237	Report by academics in UCD on transmission of Covid-19 in healthcare workers.	Journalist	17/08/2020	Refused
10/07/2020	236	Minutes for each meeting of the Children's Hospital Project and Programme Board.	Journalist	28/08/2020	Refused
10/07/2020	234	Copies of any minutes or notes taken of a meeting between Stephen Donnelly and Maitiú Ó Tuathail on 8 July	Public	13/07/2020	Refused
10/07/2020	233	Correspondence between Kathleen McLellan Dept. of Health HSE and David Walsh HSE / Mary Dunnion HIQA in respect of Dealgan House Nursing Home.	Public	07/08/2020	Part-Granted

09/07/2020	232	Communications between the health minister/department officials and Cannabis Compliance Ireland since June 27 to present.	Journalist	30/07/2020	Refused
09/07/2020	231	Recommendations/reports received by NPHET that relate to coliving and health, or coliving and Covid.	Journalist	04/08/2020	Refused
08/07/2020	230	Materials prepared for the minister and/or secretary general and/or chief medical officer regarding the resumption of the Breast check and Cervical Check screening services since 1 April 2020.	Journalist	10/09/2020	Granted
18/06/2020	229	Records re; the closure of public houses related to the Covid 19 Pandemic.	Business Interest Group	19/08/2020	Part-Granted
06/07/2020	228	WhatsApps between Simon Harris and cabinet ministers/Tony Holohan re; Covid-19	Journalist	28/07/2020	Refused
06/07/2020	227	Modelling documents that have been drafted by the Irish Epidemiology Modelling Advisory Group re; the predicted modelling for the demand on acute and ICU beds	Journalist	07/08/2020	Granted
06/07/2020	226	Documents prepared for the Minister or Sec Gen re; decision to cut the rates in the Temporary Assistance Payment Scheme for nursing homes.	Journalist	03/09/2020	Part-Granted
01/07/2020	223	Minutes/documents from meeting of the National Cancer Control Programme Executive	Business Interest	10/08/2020	Refused