



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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FOI Reference number: FOI 36/2026

Date: 23 July 2026

Request:

I write to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 concerning the Specialist Medical Practitioner (SMP) Forum held on 28 September 2021.

Previous disclosures made by the Northern Ireland Policing Board confirm that the revision of the Joint Medical Guidance formed part of an ongoing project during 2020 and 2021 and that the revised guidance was presented to Specialist Medical Practitioners at the SMP Forum on 28 September 2021.

Accordingly, I request copies of the following records relating to that specific meeting only.

1. The agenda for the SMP Forum held on 28 September 2021.
2. The presentation delivered to attendees concerning the revised Joint Medical Guidance, including any PowerPoint presentation, slide deck or equivalent presentation material.
3. Any handouts, briefing papers or supporting documents distributed to attendees during the meeting.
4. The minutes of the meeting or, if formal minutes were not produced, any meeting note, attendance note or official record of the discussions.
5. Any action log, action points, decision log or record of agreed actions arising from the meeting.
6. The attendance list for the meeting, identifying those present by name and job title where possible. If personal information is considered exempt from disclosure, please provide the attendees' roles and organisations.

For the avoidance of doubt, this request relates only to the SMP Forum held on 28 September 2021 and only to the records identified above.

As this request concerns a single identified meeting and a limited number of clearly identifiable records, I trust it can be processed within the appropriate cost limit under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If any information is withheld, please identify each document withheld and specify: the exemption relied upon;

the reasons why that exemption applies; and where applicable, the public interest factors considered.

Where only part of a document is considered exempt, I request disclosure of the remainder in accordance with section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Answer:

1. Please find attached a copy of the agenda for the SMP Forum held on 28 September 2021.
2. The Board does not hold any recorded information within the scope of this question.
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Or in writing at the following address:

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You should contact the Board within 40 working days of this response.

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or in writing at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Telephone: - 0303 1231114
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