



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

FOI Reference number: 12/2016

Date: 12 April 2016

Request:

You have asked the Board to supply the following information:

You will recall at the last NIRPOA meeting there was some discussion re the SMP contract, due 1st April and concern was expressed re the safe storage etc including the transfer of records from the previous SMP and to any new SMP.

[REDACTED] - I am certain there needs to be individual consent for transfer of medical reports/records to any newly appointed SMP

Can you please advise of the appointment of an SMP due from tomorrow and the implications for future retention/transfer of medical reports, records etc.

Answer

Central Procurement Department approved a six month extension of the existing SMP contract with Blackwell Associates. This contract will end on 30 September 2016. As previously advised the transfer of medical information from Blackwell will be progressed and cognisance taken of the concerns expressed at the NIRPOA meeting.

If you have queries about this request or the decision please contact the Board quoting the reference number above. If you are unhappy with the service you have received and wish to make a complaint or request a review you should write to the Board's Chief Executive at the following address:

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The Information Commissioner's Office – Northern Ireland
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