

FOI 2949

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Please advise if all post adoption reunion counselling and/or mental health notes for persons other than the adopted person, were reclassified as 'adoption records' when the GMGR guidance was revised in 2011 to include the new category under GMGR P6 of post adoption support services for other persons affected by adoption. If so, please advise how these records were classified prior to the revised GMGR in 2011. Please advise if a DPIA was completed when the categorisation of these records changed in 2011 to reflect the different retention period and processing of the data.

Response:

Your request for information regarding classification of post adoption reunion counselling notes has now been considered. Unfortunately, the Southern Health & Social Care Trust does not hold the information you have requested. Information in relation to GMGR guidance is held by the Department of Health. You can contact them at following link:

- [Contact DoH \(FOI Unit\)](#)

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