

FOI 1760

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

- 1. Please provide a copy of any policies your Trust has developed independently and/ or together with the PSNI or Department of Health regarding enforcement of the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Act 2023(<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/nia/2023/1/enacted>).**

A policy regarding Safe Zones has not yet been established. This will be done regionally in collaboration with Department of health.

- 2. Has your Trust met with PSNI to discuss enforcement of the zones? Please provide details of this meeting, including location, date, content and outcome.**

The Trust has not met independently with the PSNI. PSNI representative attends regional meetings held with trusts and the department of health.

- 3. Has your Trust provided information and/or training to employees on the safe access zones? Please provide details of this information and/or training.**

Training has not been provided. Staff have been informed that regional work is taking place in order to establish safe zones, and that training and information will be given when plans are finalised.

- 4. Questions regarding the law:**

- Section 1 (3): Which operators of premises in your Health and Social Care Trust has given notice to the Department of Health of their wish to be protected premises? Please name the premises.**

Craigavon Area Hospital.

Daisy Hill Hospital

- Section 2 (2) and (4): What type of premise has given this notice (section 2(2)) and what is the name of the premise that has given notice to the Department that the operator wishes the premises to be protected premises and that notice has not been withdrawn by the operator?**

Acute hospital sites – Craigavon Area Hospital and Daisy Hill Hospital

- **Section 4 (3): Is the operator of any protected premises of the opinion that the public area mentioned in subsection (2)(b) is not adequate to afford safe access to the premises for protected persons? Has the operator given notice to the Department that it wishes the public area so mentioned to be extended by a specified distance not exceeding 150 metres? Which premises have made this request?**

A request for 250metres has been submitted for both Craigavon Area Hospital and daisy Hill hospital. This is because protest activity is ongoing at both these sites and we wish to provide maximum protection for staff and patients.

- **-Section 7 (a): Please provide information on whether the safe access zone for each of the requesting premises, has been established and listed, as per section 7. Please provide details on the extent of the safe access zone established for the premises under section 4. Please also note: 1- if the indication is different than the request of the operator of the premise, 2- how is it different, and 3 - why the request of the operator could not be fulfilled.**
- **Section 7 (c): What, if any steps taken by the operators of the protected premises to bring the existence and extent of the safe access zones for those premises to the attention of the public? if not steps taken, when will this be done and through what avenues will the information be made public?**

Safe Zones have not yet been established. There will be a regional communication strategy when the zones have been established. There will also be signage within the safe zone areas with information and a QR code link to further information and the legislation.

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