

FOI 1847

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Please provide a copy of your current policy and procedure on sharing client personal data and obtaining consent to share, in relation to social work referrals to independent counselling agencies.

Please provide a copy of your policy and procedure on sharing client personal data and obtaining consent to share, in relation to social work referrals to independent counselling agencies, relevant to the period 2001 - 2008.

Area of service my request relates to is Post Adoption Reunion Services

Between 2001 – 2008

The Adoption services have processed the sharing of personal information under the Data Protection Policy Northern Ireland 1998.

Please find enclosed a copy of Southern Trust Information Governance Policy 2021 in relation to the sharing of personal data and the Southern Health and Social Care Trust Data Protection Regulation Act 2018 Policy.

If a referral is made to an Independent Counselling Agency by Adoption Services, written consent is required from the client. This consent is detailed on the referral form.

Adoption services staff share details of independent counselling agencies with the service users depending on what service is required, and for the service users own consideration.

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