

3 March 2025

**REFERENCE: FOI\25\25**

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your request of 20 February 2025 under the Freedom of Information Act as follows:

- **The number of times representatives from NI Daycare Owners (NIDO) have met with either the Minister or the Permanent Secretary between January 1 2020 and January 31 2025 along with dates of those meetings**
- **Copies of correspondence between NI Daycare Owners (NIDO) and the Department between January 1 2020 and January 31 2025**

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 gives you two rights of access when you write to us asking for information. You have the right to know whether we hold recorded information in scope of your request, and you have the right to have that recorded information given to you. These rights may only be overridden if the information you are looking for is covered by an exemption in the Act.

There are no records of the Minister of Justice or the DoJ Permanent Secretary having met with representatives from NI Daycare Owners during the time period as set out in your request. There are also no records of any correspondence received in the Office of the Minister or the Office of the Permanent Secretary from NI Daycare Owners, and so no information is held by the Department in relation to your request.

If you are unhappy with the result of your request for information, you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you request an internal review please do so in writing stating the reasons to the address above.

If following an internal review you were to remain dissatisfied you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner and ask the Commissioner to investigate whether the DOJ has complied with the terms of the FOIA. You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Manager**