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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your request for information dated 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and detailed below.

- 1. Copies of correspondence sent to Ms Long from DoH since 1st August this year?*
- 2. All correspondence relating to vaccine passports held within DoJ? While this may be deemed private and ministerial related I do think it's in the public interest to share it. As you will know it is a highly emotive subject and it is in the public interest to share.*
- 3. All correspondence to and from the PSNI regarding implementation of Covid regulations and guidelines since 1st September this year?*
- 4. How many fixed noticed penalties have been issued for Covid related offences since 1st March 2020 to now?*

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 falling in scope of your request, and you have the right to receive this recorded information subject to cost limit or exemption.

In relation to the information requested in questions 1 – 3, due to the extensive number of records potentially falling in scope of your request, the Department has estimated that to locate, retrieve and extract relevant information would involve work considerably more than the appropriate cost limit. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and



for central government is set at £600. This represents an estimated cost of one person spending 24 working hours, at a cost of £25.00 per hour, to determine whether the Department holds the information, and then retrieve and extract that information.

You may, therefore wish to consider refining the scope of your request. One way of doing so might be, for example, to specify a defined date range or subject matter for the information requested in relation to question 1 which may enable us to conduct a more targeted file search.

I should make clear that the Freedom of Information Act does contain a number of exemptions which we will consider in respect of any information we might find, and so a further refinement of your request does not guarantee any / all information being provided.

*4. How many fixed noticed penalties have been issued for Covid related offences since 1st March 2020 to now?*

The requested information is not held by the Department of Justice as it is not responsible for enforcement matters in relation to the health protection regulations. The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) Regulations (NI) 2021 are the responsibility of the Department of Health.

Enforcement in respect of breaches of the public health regulations is a matter for the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) and any other body designated by the Department of Health such as local councils.

Enforcement of the public health regulations by the PSNI and the publication of the associated statistics are matters for the Chief Constable, who is accountable to the Northern Ireland Policing Board (NIPB). The PSNI updates its enforcement statistics weekly and these are available on the PSNI website at [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)



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Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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Yours sincerely

**Records & Information Manager**

