

FOI DOF/2026-0208

**Request**

Please could you provide the following information for Northern Ireland Statistics & Research Agency

A current list of senior management and key post holders, including:

- Job title
- Post holder name
- Work email address (where held)
- Work telephone number (where held)
- An up-to-date organisational structure chart (if available).
- The total number of staff employed by the organisation (headcount or FTE).

**DoF response**

I can confirm the Department holds the information requested.

**FOI Exemption Section 21 (Information accessible by other means)** applies to part of this request, since some of the information specified is accessible from the NISRA website. Details of NISRA senior management and key post holders is published in the [NISRA Annual Report and Accounts](#). An up-to-date organisation chart is attached at Annex D.

The Annual Report and Accounts also includes details of the number of staff working in NISRA (employees of the Department of Finance).

The information requested in respect of the Chief Executive and Registrar General is as follows:

**Philip Wales – Chief Executive and Registrar General**

Email: [Philip.Wales@nisra.gov.uk](mailto:Philip.Wales@nisra.gov.uk)

Telephone: 028 90 388 430

The remainder of the information requested in relation to NISRA senior management has been withheld under **Section 40(2)** of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as it constitutes personal data relating to individuals other than the applicant. Disclosure of this information would breach the first data protection principle set out at Article 5(1)(a) of the UK General Data Protection Regulation, which requires that personal data is processed lawfully, fairly and transparently. **Section 40(2)** is an absolute exemption and is therefore not subject to the public interest test.

## LAWFULNESS, FAIRNESS AND TRANSPARENCY TEST

### Application of FOI exemption Section 40(2)

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A Lawfulness, Fairness and Transparency Test must be carried out by the Department of Finance when considering disclosure of third-party personal data which falls within the scope of an FOI or EIR request.

#### **Brief description:**

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#### **Consideration of the personal data falling within the scope of the request**

Guidance from the Information Commissioner's office states that personal data only includes information relating to natural persons who:

- can be identified or who are identifiable, directly from the information in question; or
- who can be indirectly identified from that information in combination with other information.

#### **Description of personal data/issue(s) under consideration:**

NISRA Staff names/details.

#### **Lawfulness**

Do either of the two lawful basis below, which allow for the disclosure of personal data, apply? **No**

- Consent:** This applies when the data subject(s) clear consent exists, allowing the department to disclose personal data falling within the scope of this request.
- Legitimate interests:** This applies when disclosure is necessary for the department's legitimate interests or the legitimate interests of a third party that overrides the data subject(s) rights and freedoms, particularly their right to privacy.

**Conclusion**

Having considered all the information contained within the Lawfulness, Fairness and Transparency Test, the department has established that, on balance, there is no lawful basis for the disclosure of third-party personal data falling within the scope of the request (of which the requester is not the data subject).

## Annex C - Internal Reviews

An Internal Review request examines the response based on applied exemptions, search adequacy, or response timeliness.

### It is not the following, which will be treated as specified:

- Questions asking for clarification on information provided: Will be treated as part of the original FOI request.
- Additional questions about the information in the response: Will be treated as a new FOI request.
- Questions about the subject not related to the original request: Will be treated as new FOI request.
- Questions regarding how a service operates or why a decision was made: Will be treated as normal business and responded to accordingly.
- Complaints or concerns raised in response to information provided: Will be treated in line with relevant complaints procedure.

### To make an Internal Review request:

- **Clearly state:** That you want an internal review of a previous FOI response and provide the necessary details.
- **Follow the timeline:** Be sure to submit your request within 40 working days of receiving the original response. If the Department has not responded at all, you have 40 working days after the original 20-day response period has passed.
- **Wait for a response:** The review is typically completed within 20 working days but can take up to 40 working days in exceptional circumstances. The Department should inform you of any delays.

### What the review includes

- A fresh decision based on a reconsideration of all relevant factors.
- An assessment of whether the request was handled correctly and if exemptions were applied appropriately.
- The review will be conducted by someone who was not involved in the original decision.

**If you wish to request an internal review, please email [foi@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:foi@finance-ni.gov.uk) or write to FOI/EIR Team, Department of Finance, 2nd Floor, Craigantlet Buildings, Stoney Road, Belfast, BT4 3SX.**