

FOI DOF/2022-0281

Request

I wish to submit a request for some of the organisation's information around the internal plans and strategy documents around ICT.

The ICT documents I require are the most recent update (2022 onwards documents)

I wish to obtain the following documents:

1. ICT/IM&T/IS Strategy- The IT department strategy or plans, highlights their current and future objectives.
2. ICT Org Chart- A visual document that presents the structure of the IT department, please include name and job titles. If this cannot be sent, please work towards a structure with job titles.
3. ICT Annual or Business Plan- Like the ICT strategy but is more annually focused.
4. ICT Capital Programme/budget- A document that shows financials budget on current and future projects.

If some of these documents are not valid, please state when the 2022 onwards ICT documents are planned to be published.

Response

The following information is held by Digital Shared Services (DSS) in the Department of Finance (DoF). DSS has responsibility for the provision of IT infrastructure services for the Northern Ireland Civil Service (NICS), including the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) and delivering the Northern Ireland Digital Transformation Programme. Please note that there is an operational IT presence within some other parts of DoF which has not been reflected in the response.

1. The Department of Finance does not hold the requested information. An NICS Digital and Data Strategy is currently being finalised with the aim to publish by the end of 2022.
2. Please see attached DSS organisation chart. DoF staff names are exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Act. See below for further details on the application of this exemption, and also see the Lawfulness, Fairness and Transparency Test applied to the same, also attached.
3. Please see attached DSS Balanced Scorecard.
4. Please see attached overall projects work programme.

Applied Exemption Section 40(2) – Personal Information

Information you have requested is being withheld because it is exempt under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. Section 40(2) exempts personal information from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of that information would, amongst other things, contravene one of the data protection principles of the Data Protection Act.

Having considered all of the information contained within the lawful, fairness and transparency test, (attached separately accompanying this letter), 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).