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**Request**

Can you please tell me what covid guidelines Northern Ireland prison service were following in the month of February?

**DoF Response**

I can confirm the department holds some of the information requested.

This information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act as it is reasonably accessible to you by other means.

In this case, Coronavirus (COVID-19) NICSHR Guidance: Guidance for Managers and Staff, which applies to all NICS employees, including Northern Ireland Prison Service (NIPS) staff, is publicly available online, at the following link:

[Covid-19 - Guidance for managers and staff | Department of Finance \(finance-ni.gov.uk\)](https://finance-ni.gov.uk)

NIPS also has its own NIPS Pandemic Plan and Procedures which applies to staff and is specific to their working environment. For further information on this, you should contact NIPS directly at the following address:

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