

Veterinary Service Animal Health Group
Information Communications Branch



Our reference: **DAERA/24-91**

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Via email:

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Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received by the Department on 28 February 2024 in which you sought the information in bold below.

Correspondence and minutes of any meetings between DAERA Capacity, Capability, Equality & Diversity Branch & Business Management Branch, VSAHG pertinent to the content & release of this temporary promotion /development opportunity notice

I am particularly interested in this clause in the covering email:

Please be aware that the reason for this approach is because DAERA Capacity, Capability, Equality & Diversity Branch advised that given that the DAERA specific TPO process does not cover an amalgamated temporary promotion /development opportunity it was preferable to issue separate notices.

I also want to establish why the EOIs are invited only from “substantive Vos” at this time and how a substantive VO is being defined by Business Management Branch, VSAHG.

The Department has completed its search and can confirm it holds this information, however some of this information is considered to be third party personal data, of which you are not the data subject. Any third-party personal data has been redacted under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. In these instances, the Department is required to consider if disclosure would breach the first Data Protection Principle which states that processing must be lawful, fair and transparent. I have carried out a Lawful, Fairness and Transparency test, which is attached at **Annex A**.

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The information being provided is attached as **Documents 1 to 4**.

If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE, SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

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