

## Northern Ireland Environment Agency

Regulation & Enforcement Division



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**Agriculture, Environment  
and Rural Affairs**

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agus Gnóthaí Tuaithe**

Department of

**Fairmin, Environment  
an' Kintra Matthers**

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Dear [REDACTED]

### **Environmental Information Regulations 2004**

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 3 February 2026 that sought the following information:

- **Request for enforcement and investigation records – historical waste offence heard in Newry Magistrates' Court in 2010 including in particular:**
- **Any statement of facts, witness statements, or investigation summary relied upon in the prosecution**
- **Any document identifying the factual basis on which it was alleged that I personally caused or knowingly permitted the deposit of controlled waste, as a partner in an unlimited partnership**
- **All enforcement correspondence, notices, warnings, or compliance communications issued in respect of the deposited material**
- **Confirmation of whether any notice requiring removal of deposited material was ever served, and if not, confirmation that none was considered necessary**
- **Defendant name: Fergal Mc Alinden  
Approximate date of proceedings: 2010  
Court: Newry Magistrates' Court**

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Under Regulation 12 (4) I can advise that the Department is exempted from the duty to disclose the information on the grounds that the information is not held by the Department.

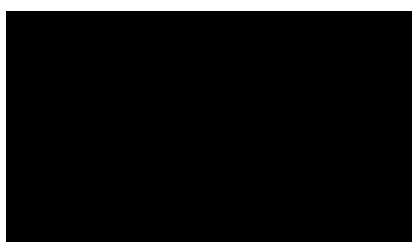
The Department has destroyed any relevant records in accordance with its data retention standards, the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

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 manner in which 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](mailto: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.

Yours sincerely,



**Environmental Crime Unit**

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