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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I refer to your request under the Freedom of Information Act about any conditions attached to funding made by this Department to develop the Tyrone Centre of Excellence.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that this Department contributed to the funding of the Garvaghy Centre Facility, the Tyrone GAA Centre of Excellence through the issue and acceptance of 2 Letters of Offer (LoO).

The funding under Axis 3 of the Rural Development Programme (RDP) 2007-2013 was delivered by local Council Clusters. Assisting Rural Communities (ARC) North West (NW) was one such Council Cluster and was responsible for delivering funding in the Omagh, Strabane, Derry and Limavady Council areas.

The first LoO was dated 23 September 2011 and provided funding to build a cultural and heritage component within the overall Garvaghy Centre Facility and was conditional on the achievement of the following **access** objective:

- To attract 1000 visitors from outside the ARC NW catchment for involvement in the annual programme of events/courses and lectures.

The second LoO was dated 27 December 2012 and provided funding towards the infrastructural development of the Garvaghy Centre Facility and was conditional on the achievement of the following **access** objectives:

- To provide by 31 March 2013, a day long year round facility for men and women of all ages and abilities.

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- To deliver active participation in Gaelic/physical activity as follows: year 1 - 750 hours, year 2 - 1000 hours, year 3 - 1000 hours, year 4 - 1000 hours and year 5 - 1000 hours.

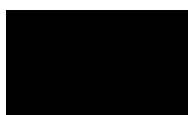
A Post Project Evaluation was completed on this element of the project and all project access objectives were either met or significantly exceeded.

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 or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Ballykelly 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



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