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FOI 511/23-24

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I refer to your email dated 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in which you asked for information regarding domestic violence policies in the workforce. Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

The Freedom of Information Act creates rights of access for any person making a request for information to a public authority. The rights of access are twofold. First, to be informed by the public authority if it holds information of the description specified in the request, and if that is the case, secondly, to be provided with that information. These rights are subject to important limitations, which are designed to achieve a proper balance between the right to know and considerations of law and policy in the broader public interest.

You had asked the following:

*“Under Freedom of Information legislation please provide a copy of the organisation's Workplace Domestic Violence and/or Gender-based violence policy”*

In response, please be advised PPS do not hold this information, therefore, in terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I can confirm that under Section 1(1) (a) of the Act the PPS does not hold the requested information. You may wish to direct your request to Northern Ireland Civil Service Human Resources (NICS HR), Department of Finance (DoF) who are best placed to assist.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review in accordance with our review procedure. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of this response and you can do so by writing to the Head of Policy and Information, Public Prosecution Service, Belfast Chambers, 93 Chichester Street, BELFAST, BT1 3JR

or alternatively by sending an e-mail to [info@ppsni.gov.uk](mailto:info@ppsni.gov.uk). You should state clearly the grounds on which you are requesting the review.

Alternatively, you may wish to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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