

EMAIL CHAIN 1

From: Craig White
Sent: 10 August 2023 14:35
To: [Redacted – S38(1)(b)]; [Redacted – S38(1)(b)]
Subject: RE: FOI 202300368780 - Degenerative spinal cases - Search request - COP 18 AUG

Categories: Action

Nil response from me.

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Professor Craig White

Associate Director | Directorate of Healthcare Quality and Improvement DG Health and Social Care | Scottish Government | M: [Redacted – S38(1)(b)] | E: [Redacted – S38(1)(b)]

From: [Redacted – S38(1)(b)]
Sent: 09 August 2023 16:45
To: [Redacted – S38(1)(b)] ; Craig White
Subject: FOI 202300368780 - Degenerative spinal cases - Search request - COP 18 AUG

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Full FOI request:

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FOI 20230036780

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/518596/response/1239793/attachment/3/NHS%20Tayside%20IGTFOISA5388%20Response%20Ali%20Javadi.doc.pdf?cookie_passthrough=1

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[Redacted – S38(1)(b)] (she/her)

Openness and Learning Team Leader | Safety, Openness and Learning Unit | Planning and Quality Division | Directorate for Healthcare Quality and Improvement | Email: [Redacted – S38(1)(b)] Scottish Government, St Andrew’s House, Regent Road, Edinburgh. EH1 3DG

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EMAIL CHAIN 2

From: [Redacted – S38(1)(b)]
Sent: 16 August 2023 16:27
To: [Redacted – S38(1)(b)]; Craig White
Subject: RE: FOI 20230036780 - Degenerative spinal cases - Search request - COP 18 AUG

Hi [Redacted – S38(1)(b)]

I do not have any correspondence from Sam Eljamel, either in my emails or in my One Drive. I searched using the terms ‘Eljamel’ and ‘spin’ (so that both ‘spine’ and ‘spinal’ would be caught).

[Redacted – S38(1)(b)]

[Redacted – S38(1)(b)] DHQI: Planning & Quality
Working days – Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Mobile [Redacted – S38(1)(b)]

FOI 20230036780

From: [Redacted – S38(1)(b)] <[Redacted – S38(1)(b)]> @gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2023 4:45 PM
To: [Redacted – S38(1)(b)] <[Redacted – S38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Craig White
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EMAIL CHAIN 3

From: [Redacted – S38(1)(b)] on behalf of Freedom of Information
Sent: 28 July 2023 11:37
To: [Redacted – S38(1)(b)]
Cc: DG Health & Social Care
Subject: FOI - TRIAGE - Eljamel desire to give up spinal surgery -
202300368780
Attachments: Case File Checklist.docx

Good morning,

Please see the FOI request below. It looks like this may be in relation to your policy
area. Please confirm this sits with you or advise us immediately if it does not;
suggesting business areas that are better suited.

Please note the following:

Timescale

> The response to this case should issue as soon as possible and no later than
the statutory deadline which is 28/08/23.

Immediate Actions

Please:

> 'Assign to self' through the 'Case Actions' tab on MiCase: MiCase - View
Case 368780.

> The eRDM casefile can be found by searching "202300368780" on eRDM. All
correspondence and evidence of how you reached your final decision MUST be
saved here.

> Send the requester an FOI specific acknowledgement letter, following the
standard template (FOISA Request Templates, page 5). The acknowledgement
issued by MiCase is not FOI specific and we are required to do this.

> Complete all relevant document as your case progresses, including the:

(i) Mandatory Statement of Compliance listing information identified as in scope
and a summary of decisions made

(ii) Searches Template recording details of searches carried out.

(iii) Remember to consult the casefile checklist (attached).

> Use the Response Wizard contained in MiCase for ALL letters to the requester.

Sensitivity

> In FOISA terms we are assessing this case as routine. This means it should not require a Ministerial decision in terms of disclosure. The sensitivity assessment can change once full searches have been completed. If after searching you consider that the response requires a Ministerial decision please engage with the FOI Unit to help us reassess the case.

> Please ensure that decisions on disclosure are taken by officials of appropriate seniority (normally C Band or above). You may find our Submissions Templates useful here:

<https://erdm.scotland.gov.uk:8443/documents/qA962816>.

> If necessary please sight your Comms team if you consider that parallel media handling is required.

Requests for legal advice, or requests which capture legal advice

You should always consult the relevant team in Scottish Government Legal Directorate (SGLD) if you receive a request for/relating to legal advice or there is material from the Law Officers (the Lord Advocate and the Solicitor General). SGLD can also help in identifying any legal advice within the scope of the request.

Requests which capture information about FFM and DFM

If your FOI/EIR contains information that you think might be personal/of interest to our former FM and/or DFM, please contact the FOIU as soon as possible and we will advise you what to do next or sign-post you to the right person to raise this with.

Guidance

Detailed guidance is available here Freedom of Information (FOI): SharePoint: 2020-2025 and SharePoint Collection.

Many thanks,

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[Redacted – S38(1)(b)] | FOI Adviser (TRS) | Scottish Government | 2W St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3DG
Yammer: @FOI - Community

From: Central Enquiry Unit <CEU@gov.scot>

Sent: Friday, July 28, 2023 11:33 AM

To: Freedom of Information <foi@gov.scot>

Subject: FOI - HSC - TRIAGE - Eljamel desire to give up spinal surgery - MiCase 202300368780

From: McLaughlin M (Mark) <Mark.McLaughlin@Parliament.scot>

FOI 20230036780

Sent: Friday, July 28, 2023 10:56 AM
To: TAY informationgovernance <tay.informationgovernance@nhs.scot>; Central Enquiry Unit <CEU@gov.scot>
Subject: Eljamel desire to give up spinal surgery

Good morning,

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Many thanks,

Mark McLaughlin

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