

Bearnaidín Ní Chuilleann Príomhfheidhmeannach

> Bernadette Cullen Chief Executive

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9th November 2021

Mr. John Hamill

Re:

FOI Request Our Ref: TFOI0053

Dear Mr. Hamill,

I refer to your request received on the 12th October 2021 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for records held by Tipperary ETB, and to the clarification of the scope of this request received on the 15th October 2021.

Your request sought:

"I am requesting that you should send me copies of all email invitations for teachers to attend Religious Education in-services days, which were received during calendar year 2016. This relates to invitations received by Tipperary ETB itself, as well as invitations received by any and all schools under the purview of Tipperary ETB.

For clarity, I do not require emails sent by schools in response to these invitations, which may discuss which teachers had planned to attend which events. My only interest is in the invitations themselves (including any information about the agenda for these events) which should not contain any personal information. I understand that the number of in-service days per annum is not large, such that the number of invitations to attend in-service days for only one subject during one calendar year should not be excessive."

Decision

As the Decision Maker in this case, I made a final decision on your request on 9th November 2021.

Having conducted a thorough search of the agreed email accounts, I have identified no records that fall within the scope of your request. Accordingly, I must refuse your request under Section 15 (1)(a) of the FOI Act.

15. (1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where -(a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken.

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Rights of appeal

Upon receipt of this reply, if you are not content with the outcome or the decision made, you are entitled to seek an internal review under Section 21(7) of the Act. A request for an internal review should be made within four weeks of the date of this decision to the FOI Officer:

FOI Officer, Tipperary Education and Training Board, Church Road, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary or by email to: foi@tipperaryetb.ie

The making of a late request for internal review may be permitted in certain circumstances. As your internal review relates to non-personal information, you are liable for an upfront fee of €30 (€10 for Medical Card holders) on making your internal review request. The fee is payable to Tipperary Education and Training Board by way of bank draft, money order, postal order, or personal cheque. Alternatively, payment can be made by electronic means. Please email foi@tipperaryetb.ie for account information.

If you are unhappy with the response you receive to your internal review request, you have a right to appeal to the Office of the Information Commissioner. This appeal must be made within 6 months of the date of the internal review decision and may be made by writing to:

Mr. Peter Tyndall, Information Commissioner, 18 Lower Leeson Street, Dublin 2.

As your appeal relates to non-personal information, you are liable for an upfront fee of €50 (€30 for Medical Card holders) on making of your appeal request. This fee is payable to the Office of the Information Commissioner, details above.

Yours sincerely.

Amy Scanlon, Decision Maker.





