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Dear Mr McCloy,

I refer you to your email dated the 29 February 2012 about Access NI checks.
Specifically you requested:

"according to the BSO audited accounts of the Northern Health & Social Care Trust 2010/11, it cited vetting of staff through access NI as a risk, I want released all documents that led the BSO to this conclusion"

Attached you will find all of the relevant documentation which led to the BSO deciding this with regards to Access NI checks.

You will note that names and other data have been removed from the documents. This is pursuant to Section 40 (1) (2) & (3) of the Freedom of Act 2000, which provides that:

- (1) Any information to which a request for information relates is exempt information if it constitutes personal data of which the applicant is the data subject.
- (2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if—
 - a) it constitutes personal data which do not fall within subsection (1), and
 - b) either the first or the second condition below is satisfied.
- (3) The first condition is—
 - a) in a case where the information falls within any of paragraphs (a) to (d) of the definition of "data" in section 1(1) of the **M14**Data Protection Act 1998, that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under This Act would contravene—
 - (i) any of the data protection principles, or

I trust that you will find this information of use to you. If you want further information, are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or to request a review of my response, you should write to:

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please quote the reference number above in any future communications to make it easier for me to deal with your correspondence.

Yours sincerely

David Bingham
Chief Executive