

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 23-296	4 th July 2023
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Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request information regarding the professional conduct and complaints history of a specific psychologist, [REDACTED].

Specifically, I would like to request the following:

1. The total number of complaints made against [REDACTED] throughout her professional career as a psychologist.

The Health Board has applied Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Health Board will not provide the exact numbers due to the low numbers of individuals involved (5 or less). The Health Board believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified, when considered with other information already available within the public domain, if this was disclosed. Therefore, the data is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

2. A summary of the nature of these complaints.

Please refer to Q1.

3. Details of any disciplinary action that has been taken against her in response to these complaints.

Please refer to Q1.

I understand that due to privacy laws, some details may need to be redacted. However, I request that you provide as much information as you are legally permitted to release.

I understand that under the Act, I should be entitled to a response within 20 working days. I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this request as soon as possible.