## FOI 098/2021 Response

## Request

Dear sir or madam,

I am writing to request that you provide me with any policy documents or related materials concerning the organisation and running of Associate Hospital Managers Hearings under s.23 of the Mental Health Act 1983 which have been adjusted or created during the course of the on-going Covid-19 pandemic. This might include, for example, policy changes on moves to remote hearings and in relation to so-called 'paper' hearings, and policies on facilitating the engagement of patients, Nearest Relatives and others with remote modes of conducting hearings.

## Response

Please find attached the Trust's current procedure that has been amended in response to Covid-19, for Lay Managers hearings.

Please note that an exemption Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to the attachment.

This therefore means that information such as the Authors name has been removed as it pertains to personal information.