



09th June 2017

FOI request: 2017/208



I refer to your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, which was received on 19th May 2017 for records held by the Department of Education & Skills:

Request:

1. *Details of any gym, fitness or wellbeing facilities on or off site, used by staff of the Department.*
2. *Confirm whether the Department refunds staff for gym membership subscriptions.*
3. *If so, what is the yearly cost of this and how many staff avail of it.*
4. *Does the Department fund other wellbeing activities for staff such as yoga classes, mindfulness or meditation.*
5. *Can you please provide details of what these activities are and the yearly cost of them.*
6. *Request is for the 2015 – 2016 period only.*

I have now made a final decision to grant your request on the 9th June 2017.

The purpose of this email is to explain that decision. This explanation has the following parts:

1. A schedule of all of the records covered by your request;
2. A statement of how you can appeal this decision should you wish to do so.

This letter addresses each of these parts in turn.

1. Schedule of records

A schedule is attached with this email, it shows the documents that the Department of Education & Skills considers relevant to your request. It describes each document and refers to the sections of the FOI Act which apply to prevent release. The schedule also refers you to sections of the detailed explanation given under heading 2 below, which are relevant to the document in question. It also gives you a summary and overview of the decision as a whole.

2. Rights of appeal

If you are unhappy with this decision you may appeal it. In the event that you need to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Education & Skills, Marlborough Street, D01 RC96 or by e-mail to foi@education.gov.ie . Your correspondence should include a fee of €30 for processing the appeal. As a business user your payment should be made by electronic transfer. For further details on how to arrange an electronic transfer please contact the Freedom of Information Unit by email at foi@education.gov.ie. You should make your appeal within 4 weeks from the date of this notification, where a day is defined as a working day excluding, the weekend and public holidays. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this body.

3. Publication

All non-personal FOI requests will be recorded on an FOI disclosure log which will be published on the Department of Education & Skills website in due course.

Should you wish to discuss the above, please contact me at (01) 889 6400

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