

# Department of Education and Children

*Rheynn Ynsee as Paitchyn*

3 July 2017

## **Re: Freedom of Information Request – Reference Number IM91870I**

### **Your Request**

*Please confirm:*

*i) if any member of, or individuals affiliated to, or representative of, Humanity and Equality in Abortion Reform (HEAR) IOM (or other branch thereof) has visited any Department of Education School (Primary or Secondary or other) within the last 6 months. Please detail which schools were visited and when.*

*ii) if any member of, or individuals affiliated to, or representative of, Humanity and Equality in Abortion Reform (HEAR) IOM (or other branch thereof) has requested to visit any Department of Education School (Primary or Secondary or other) within the last 6 months. Please detail which schools (primary/secondary or other) HEAR requested to visit.*

*iii) Please detail the purpose of any visit under i) above.*

*iv) Please detail the purpose of any request to make any visit re ii) above.*

*v) Please confirm if Police Checks (CRB/DBS or similar) were made on any individuals or groups of individuals affiliated to, or representative of Humanity and Equality in Abortion Reform (HEAR) IOM (or other branch thereof) who visited any Department of Education School (Primary or Secondary or other) within the last 6 months*

### **Department Response**

I can confirm that no member of, or individuals affiliated to, or representative of, Humanity and Equality in Abortion Reform (HEAR) IOM (or other branch thereof) have visited any Department of Education School (Primary or Secondary or other) within the last 6 months. Therefore, the remaining questions in your request are not applicable.

However I can advise that some members of HEAR arrived at St Mary's School late on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017, and after conclusion of the school day. The Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, PSHE Co-ordinator, listened to and watched a presentation given by these members and explained that it was not something St Mary's School considered that it wanted at the time and would not be inviting them into school to talk to pupils.

If you are unhappy with this response to your Freedom of Information request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by completing a Review/Complaint form and submitting it electronically or by delivery/post to: Mr Andrew Shipley, Legal and Administration Manager, Hamilton House, Peel Road, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 5EZ.

An electronic version of our Review/Complaint form can be found by going to <https://www.gov.im/about-the-government/freedom-of-information/>

Your Review/Complaint request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made as soon as practicable. We will respond as soon as the review has been conducted.

### **Appeal Process**

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner for a decision on;

- 1 Whether we have responded to your request for information in accordance with Part 2 of the Freedom of Information Act; or
- 2 Whether we are justified in refusing to give you the information requested.

In response to an application for review, the Information Commissioner may, at any time, attempt to resolve a matter by negotiation, conciliation, mediation or another form of alternative dispute resolution and will have regard to any outcome of this in making any subsequent decision.

More detailed information on your rights to review is on the Information Commissioner's website at <https://www.inforights.im/contact-us/>

Should you have any queries concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Further information about Freedom of Information requests can be found at [www.gov.im/foi](http://www.gov.im/foi)