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Dear Ms Boyce,

Reference – Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information. Your request was received by email on 26th May 2025 and has been processed under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I have now had an opportunity to consider your request and my response is set out below.

Request:

Your query read, *“Please provide:*

- 1. A copy of the Regional Outcomes Framework and all other relevant documentation, including plan for its rollout.*
- 2. In the event that the Regional Outcomes Framework still has not been commenced, please provide a full explanation as to the reasons for this and a time frame for its commencement.”*

Response:

Further to discussions with colleagues within the relevant business area, I can advise that the DoH is currently not in a position to consider

releasing a copy of the Mental Health Outcomes Framework project report in response to your request.

At this time, we are applying Section 22 '*Information intended for future publication*' of the FOI Act 2000 in respect of that information sought which will soon be made publicly available when the publication process is complete.

Having provided you with my formal response to your request, and in order to provide some clarity on the current position, some background information has been provided below for context.

The Mental Health Outcomes Framework project report provides a comprehensive overview of the work undertaken to develop the Mental Health Outcomes Framework (MHOF), the scoring methodology that has been adopted, and outlines the steps that need to be taken for implementation.

Work to implement the MHOF has commenced and is ongoing. As the Encompass system is the key enabler for the MHOF, the projected timeframe for the implementation of the MHOF is therefore aligned to the timeframes for the implementation of Encompass. To date, 75% of the outcomes measures have been embedded on to the Encompass system. DoH officials are working closely with Encompass colleagues to ensure that all remaining measures will be on the Encompass system and ready for clinical use by July 2025.

Relevant department colleagues would be happy to meet with you to discuss the Framework including priorities from a community and voluntary sector perspective.

You have the right to request a formal review by the Department within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you wish to do so, please write FAO Internal Reviewer (foi@health-ni.gov.uk) Annexe 3, Castle Buildings, Stormont, Belfast BT4 3SQ.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

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