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Our reference: BVFOI/370/13 re Arthur Shannon

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

You asked for the following information from the Treasury Solicitor's Department ("the Department"):

Estate of Arthur Shannon, died 14 May 1999

Does BV hold any of the following information:

1. Birth certificate or alternative place and date of birth;
2. His marital status;
3. Genealogical information relating to the deceased or any deceased family members;
4. Medical card, driving licence or passport for the deceased, and details of the date and place of birth as recorded there; and
5. Any other certificates relating to the deceased or other family members.

Your request will be dealt with by the Bona Vacantia Division ("the Division") under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request was made to the Crown Solicitor's Office of Northern Ireland in relation to bona vacantia estates. The Crown Solicitor is the agent of the Treasury Solicitor in dealing with bona vacantia estates, and as such the information held by him is held on behalf of the Treasury Solicitor. Your request will therefore be dealt with by the Bona Vacantia Division of the Treasury Solicitor's Department ("the Division") under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Division holds some of the information that you have requested.

The Division holds a death certificate for the deceased.

Some of the information you have requested can be found on the death certificate of the deceased. Certificates can be obtained from the local Registrar where the event took place or from the General Registrar Office (GRO), PO Box 2, Southport, Merseyside, PR8 2JD or by telephoning 0845 603 7788. Further details can be obtained from the GRO's website at <https://www.gov.uk/browse/births-deaths-marriages/register-offices>. Insofar as the information you have requested is available on the certificate, that information is reasonably accessible to you by other means and is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Act. This exemption confers absolute exemption from the requirement to provide information pursuant to section 1(1)(b) of the Act.