

Thank you for your email. You asked me to clarify why I asked the Council for copies of your assessment documents. I requested these because I considered it necessary in order to investigate your complaint that the Council did not properly assess you because it had not done so according to the department of health guidelines. You complained that the assessment form listed inconsequential, irrelevant detail, that it was incomplete and omitted details of your medical diagnosis relevant to your assessment. The Council also indicated to you that it had considered the previous documentation where relevant in completing your assessment. I therefore considered it necessary to view these documents.

The Council is required to provide such information when it is requested by the Ombudsman during the course of an investigation. I cannot therefore agree with your view that a breach of the Data Protection Act has occurred. However it is of course open to you to complain as you wish.

Yours sincerely

Emma Kennedy