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Dear Mr Rydell

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 27 July 2009 regarding whether the Health Protection Agency (HPA) has any contracts with Northgate Information Solutions. Under Section 1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act, I can confirm that the Health Protection Agency (HPA) does hold the information you have requested.

I can confirm that the HPA does not have any contracts with Northgate or Northgate Arinso held in its own name. However, NIBSC which became part of the HPA on 1 April 2009, has a residual contract for payroll services with Northgate Arinso, signed in around 1999. The contract had an annual value in the financial year 2008/09 of some £14,000, but will now lapse as NIBSC staff have transferred to the HPA's payroll provider from 1 April 2009.

If you are dissatisfied with this response and would like a copy of the HPA complaints procedure then please contact me at: Health Protection Agency, 61 Colindale Avenue, London NW9 5EQ.

Please note that you have the right to an independent review by the Information Commissioner's Office if a complaint cannot be resolved through the HPA complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner's Office can be contacted by writing to Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Please contact me if you require any further information or assistance.

Yours sincerely

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