

Mr P John

Our Ref: FOI274565

Email: request-31176-c5ba0841@whatdotheyknow.com

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Dear Mr John,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I refer to your request under the above legislation for information held by the Cabinet Office regarding the number of UK Government web sites currently hijacked by Viagra/Cialis/Levitra and other online medical scams.

I can confirm that following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by this Department.

In relation to your request to disclose any plans or strategies relating to the security of UK Government websites the UK Cyber Security Strategy (www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/media/216620/css0906.pdf) outlines what action the UK Government is taking in relation to protection from online malicious threats and scam attacks.

All government departments and agencies are required to comply with the minimum security requirements set out in the Security Policy Framework. This includes ensuring that ICT systems (including websites) have appropriate security measures in place to protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of government information. For more information please visit www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/media/207138/hmg_security_policy.pdf

Regarding your query concerning the Cabinet Office intention to make all UK Government services available through a single web portal using a personal identifier, we refer you to the Prime Minister's speech of 22nd March 2010 (www.number10.gov.uk/page22897) which duly confirms this intention.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request or wish to request an internal review, you should write to:

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Director
Cabinet Office
70 Whitehall
London
SW1A 2AS

email: foiteam@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk

You should note that the Cabinet Office will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.



If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Cabinet Office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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