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Our Ref:FOI IR 2700-325

DATE 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Dear Mr Newman,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 16 December 2011 that was received by Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) Adelphi and forwarded for response to the DWP Medical Services Contracts Correspondence Team Internal Reviewing Officer.

In your email you asked to be provided with information answering the following questions:-

*I have just received a "long overdue" reminder, when I responded to your reply 27/11 and have heard nothing since. Over to you. A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address:*

[http://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/unsuitable\\_hcps](http://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/unsuitable_hcps)

As Reviewing Officer, I have investigated the handling of your original request and considered your request afresh including checking whether the information sent to you clearly and accurately answered your request.

In response to your statement that the response on this case is long overdue, I would suggest that you examine the details of time requirements on the Information Commissioners Website.

As your initial request was received by the Department on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2011, the time limit for response is 20 working days unless the Department needed to extend that time limit to consider an exemption involving a public interest test consideration. This meant the date for response was the 28<sup>th</sup> of December. Our response was issued on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December, well within the 20 day deadline.

I therefore find that the Department is not late in answering your initial request (reference FOI 2629-3578), I am satisfied that the original response dated 23 December 2011 was correct and that all the information that DWP are able to supply to you has been supplied.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol Team

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)