



Department of Health & Social Care

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Dear Ms Hart,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1175289

Thank you for your request dated 2 May in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

“From the information held on file/in diary please confirm whether the Secretary of State was engaged in having Christmas drinks at any time between 18:30 and 23:30 on 19th December, 2018.”

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

DHSC holds information in relation to your request; however, we are withholding this information under section 40(2) of the FOIA (personal information), as we consider disclosure would contravene data protection principles.

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to appeal by asking for an internal review. This should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the address at the top of this letter, or the email address at the end of this letter.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may complain directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) who may decide to investigate your concerns. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have already appealed our original response, and received our internal review response. The ICO will not usually investigate concerns where there has been an undue delay in bringing it to their attention. You should raise your concerns with them within three months of your last meaningful contact with us.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely,

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