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Dear Mr Elkington

**Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1105600**

Thank you for your request dated 7 November in which you asked the Department of Health (DH):

*“Dear Department of Health,  
Would you please be able to tell me how many patients in the UK are currently  
diagnosed with the condition of Primary Hyper/Hypokalaemic Periodic  
Paralysis”*

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

The DH does not hold the information you requested. This is because we are not the appropriate authority to contact on this subject. You may wish to consider contacting NHS Digital as they may hold some of the information you have requested. Please contact them using the link provided: <https://digital.nhs.uk/article/253/Freedom-of-Information>

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  
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<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely,

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