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Dear Mr Kavia,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1171690

Thank you for your request dated 27 March, in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

I am writing to you to request a list of all private entities in the United Kingdom which are licensed to produce cannabis and how to apply for licensing.

I am a Stage 3 Hodgekins Lymphoma Cancer survivor and registered medical cannabis patient in Canada with Dual Canadian and British Citizenship.

Access to Medical Cannabis should not be restricted to specific conditions in the United Kingdom and should be a recognized form of treatment for Mental Health Phycological Health, as well as more significant clinical diagnoses. Prescriptions authorizing access to medical cannabis from Canadian distributors should also be recognized by the Health Authority in the United Kingdom.

The means to cultivate commercially to provide sufficient access to all cannabis products to medical patients is a necessity. Clarity on the steps that will be taken to provide this to the public and the application to become a licensed cultivator or distributor should also be available to the public.

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

DHSC does not hold the information you requested. This because we are not the appropriate authority to contact on this subject.

However, you may wish to contact the Home Office, which may hold information relevant to your request.

Details on how to do so can be found on the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office>

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 communication.

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
Wilmslow SK9 5AF

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

Yours sincerely,

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