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Dear Ms Hart,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1247301

Thank you for your request dated 10 August, in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

“ Your ref FOI-1239501. Thanks for your response. Please therefore kindly limit your search to Matt Hancock MP, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.”

Your previous request, which we answered in FOI-1239501 was:

“Background: On 19th June 2020 the BBC published a news article saying Downing Street said the Government had worked closely with Apple and Google. It also quoted Matt Hancock as saying We've agreed to join forces with Google and Apple, to bring the best bits of both systems together Our request:

Please kindly provide records to show your department 'worked closely' with Apple and Google between March 2020 and the present in respect of creating a contact-tracing app. Apple have stated the Government haven't spoken with them about any of these things so we're keen to see your evidence.

For example:

- 1 Minutes of meetings your dept had with Apple and Google;*
- 2 Records of emails your dept sent to and received from Apple and Google; and*
- 3 Copies of letters your dept sent to Apple and Google.*

Please note: We already asked the Prime Minister's Office for its records of this information and it replied saying it didn't have any and stated you may instead hold it. If you don't hold it then please kindly state who may.

Prime Minister's Office response: Ref FOI2020/08530 https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/minutes_of_meetings_with_apple_a.”

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

I can confirm that Mr Hancock did not have any meetings with Apple or Google.

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 this letter and sent to FreedomOfInformation@dhsc.gov.uk, or to the address at the top 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's Office (ICO). Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have already appealed our original response and received our internal review decision. You should raise your concerns with the ICO 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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