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Dear Mr Lewis,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1320613

Thank you for your request dated 6 April, in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

“How much money has been given to drug manufacturers during the inclusive dates 01.01.2020 to 31.03.2021 in respect of COVID-19 ‘treatments’”

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

DHSC holds information relevant to your request. DHSC has spent 189,206,195 on the procurement of drugs to treat COVID-19 in the financial year 2020/2021.

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 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
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Yours sincerely,

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