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Mr Clark

By email to: request-885753-2651a93b@whatdotheyknow.com

30 June 2023

Dear Mr Clark,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1458017

Thank you for your request dated 5 June to the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), a copy of which can be found in the accompanying annex.

We note that you submitted an identical request to us on 10 August 2022, to which we responded on 6 September (our ref: FOI-1414982). We also note that on 30 May you requested an Internal Review of our response to FOI-1414982; however, we informed you (on 5 June) that we were unable to accept that request, as the time period for submitting an Internal Review of our response to FOI-1414982 had elapsed.

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), and we can confirm that our response to your new request is unchanged from our response to FOI-1414982 (a copy of which is attached).

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 sent to freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk or to the address at the top of this letter and be submitted within two months of the date 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.

Guidance on contacting the ICO can be found at <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us> and information about making a complaint can be found at <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint>.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex

From: Kaleb <request-885753-2651a93b@whatdotheyknow.com>

Sent: 05 June 2023 21:17

To: FreedomofInformation <freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Freedom of Information request - Building bridges: a guide to arrangements for inter-agency working for the care and protection of mentally ill people

Dear Department of Health and Social Care,

Then in accordance with the FOIA rights I am making the same request for the same data again as you haven't addressed them within the spirit of the act and as this is a public interest then the public has the right to know these matters

Do you have a copy of: Building bridges: a guide to arrangements for inter-agency working for the care and protection of mentally ill people?

Do you have a definition of 'severe mental illness'?

Can you clarify if personality disorder is deemed 'severe mental illness'?

Can you clarify if psychopathic disorder is deemed 'severe mental illness'?

Can you clarify if psychopathy is deemed 'severe mental illness'?

Yours faithfully,

Mr Clark