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By email

Our ref: 13/05/jb/166

Your ref:

Nostalgic Student

request-162138-45a622ae@whatdotheyknow.com

12 June 2013

Dear Nostalgic Student

Re: Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation sub-committee minutes

Thank you for your email of 20 May 2013 received via whatdotheyknow.com in which you asked about the Adolescent sub-committee of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).

Your letter has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act. As with the previous request we received from you (request-156987-fc6fe3c3@whatdotheyknow.com), your request for information is considered an invalid request as it does not meet the provision of Section 8(1)(b) of the FOI Act which states that to be a valid request for information the request must include the name of the applicant. We do not consider that Nostalgic Student is your name.

As mentioned previously, we would urge you to familiarise yourself with the Freedom of Information Act. The Information Commissioner provides helpful guidance on how to make a successful Freedom of Information request here:

http://ico.org.uk/for_the_public/official_information

Furthermore, your enquiry would have been more appropriately addressed to our enquiry Team using the email enquiries@phe.gov.uk, rather than sending it through whatdotheyknow.com.

In the spirit of Section 16 of the FOI Act, which places an obligation upon authorities to provide advice and assistance, we have addressed your enquiry as a Freedom of Information request and I have set out your enquiry below and addressed the points in turn.

In accordance with section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that Public Health England (PHE) holds the information relating to your question "In the January 2012 adolescent sub-committee minutes, it says: 'The sub-committee agreed to meet again in the late autumn when progress had been made on the areas identified. The chair thanked all the participants and closed the meeting'. Did this meeting take place?

No.

In accordance with section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that Public Health England (PHE) does not hold the information relating to the subsequent question "If so, please can I have the minutes?"; this is because the meeting did not take place.

Please note that any further questions that are made using a pseudonym will be treated as invalid requests and will not receive a reply.

If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer them to me in writing in the first instance. If you are dissatisfied with this response and would like a copy of the PHE complaints procedure then please contact Mr George Stafford, Complaints Manager at the address above.

Please note that you have the right to an independent review by the Information Commissioner's Office if a complaint cannot be resolved through the PHE complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner's Office can be contacted by writing to Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Coordinator