



## Department of Health & Social Care

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Dear Mr Booth,

### **Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1168115**

Thank you for your request dated 22 February, in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

*The Department recently published the updated version of the AI Code of Conduct, following an initial text published in 2018 with a request for comment/feedback/discussions/etc. It can be found here:*

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/code-of-conduct-for-data-driven-health-and-care-technology>

*1) Please provide a list of all organisations who provided input in any form between September 2018 and February 2019;*

*2) Please provide a copy of all written submissions received (these would have been published routinely if DHSC had followed the norms for consultations, rather than running a shadow process).*

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

I have considered your request for information but I am unable to answer it without further clarification. Section 1(3) of the FOIA does not oblige us to answer requests where we require further clarification to identify and locate the information requested.

So that I provide you with the right information, please can you clarify if you mean all organisations who provided official responses to the consultation via email? Also, please may you clarify if you require all written submissions from organisations?

On receipt of this information I will continue to process your request.

Please be aware that we cannot guarantee at this stage that a clarified request will fall within the FOIA cost limit, or that other exemptions will not apply.

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  
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Yours sincerely,

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