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Ms Louise Bicknell

By email to: request-879342-bfe57a02@whatdotheyknow.com

25 July 2022

Dear Ms Bicknell,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1412406

Thank you for your request dated 17 July to the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), a copy of which can be found in the accompanying annex.

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

We note that you submitted a very similar request on 11 June, to which we responded on 11 July with a section 12 (cost limits) response (our reference FOI-1408493), and we have interpreted your new request as a follow up to FOI-1408493.

However, we are currently unable to answer your request 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.

Your new request asks for information relating to the DHSC Antivirals and Therapeutics Taskforce, and I should explain that that is the name of the DHSC policy team, which is comprised of about 70-75 staff. However, in the context of your previous request (FOI-1408493) we consider it is likely that the information you are seeking is in relation to the two DHSC decision-making boards, which are named the 'Antivirals and Therapeutics Strategy Board' and the 'Antivirals and Therapeutics Programme Board'.

If you are able to clarify this to us, then we may be able to process your request, and I can confirm that if your new request does relate to those two decision-making boards, we have assessed that processing your request will fall within the FOIA cost limit (although we cannot guarantee that other exemptions will not apply).

Yours sincerely,

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Annex

From: Louise Bicknell <request-879342-bfe57a02@whatdotheyknow.com>

Sent: 17 July 2022 15:16

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

Subject: Freedom of Information request - Antivirals and therapeutics task force - Evusheld

Dear Department of Health and Social Care,

DHSC Antivirals and Therapeutics Taskforce – or if renamed its successor

Please provide:

1. Date of all meetings of this taskforce from 1 October 2021 onwards, including future scheduled meetings;
2. Details of the membership of this taskforce from 1 October 2021 onwards, detailing who has left/been replaced and by whom. Their roles and functions;
3. A structure chart setting out the bodies involved in the COVID 19 medical approval process from 1 October 2021 onwards; and
4. Copies of all agenda items, papers submitted and minutes of meetings which relate to Evusheld.

Yours faithfully,

Louise Bicknell