



Department of Health & Social Care

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Mr Lee Kahn

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Dear Mr Kahn,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1214730

Thank you for your request dated 02 April, in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

"Dear Department of Health and Social Care,

1. I require information on what arrangements were in place for disabled people who employ their own PAs through direct payments.

2. Please provide information of the new arrangements to disabled people who employ their own PAs now the CO-19 has been confirmed a non-infectious disease."

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

I can confirm that the Department holds information relevant to your request.

However, as the information held by the Department is in the public domain we will, under Section 21 of the FOIA (information accessible to the applicant by other means), refer you to the published source.

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-people-receiving-direct-payments>

2. Please provide information of the new arrangements to disabled people who employ their own PAs now the CO-19 has been confirmed a non-infectious disease.

Information can be found:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-people-receiving-direct-payments/coronavirus-covid-19-ga-for-people-receiving-a-personal-budget-or-personal-health-budget>

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 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.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely,

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