



By email

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Dear S Marr

Re: Autism Framework papers Essex, Southend and Thurrock Councils

Thank you for your email received by Public Health England (PHE) on 27 January 2017. Your email has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act.

Under Section (1)(1)(a) I can confirm that PHE holds some of the information you have requested.

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for copies of the responses submitted by Essex County Council, Southend Borough Council and Thurrock Borough Council to the Autism Self-Assessment Framework Exercise which took place between July and November 2016.

The 2016 Autism Self-Assessment exercise commenced in July 2016 with the last responses received from local authorities on 17th November 2016. In total 145 local authorities submitted responses including Essex County Council, Southend Borough Council and Thurrock Borough Council. The responses from all the participating local authorities are currently being analysed by Public Health England and their academic partners and will be published in a report in Spring 2017. Therefore, in accordance with the Section 22 – *information intended for future publication* exemption the information you have requested is exempt from disclosure.

In addition, as with previous autism self-assessment exercises, most questions allowed local authorities to add brief comments of explanatory detail about their responses. We publish all the responses directly linked to the local authorities submitting them, except for the self-advocate experiences. These we publish in themes, not connected to the authorities to ensure confidentiality is maintained. When they are published the full responses to other questions will be in a

spreadsheet format allowing readers to select easily by question or by local authority.

If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer your query to me in writing in the first instance. If you remain dissatisfied and would like to request an internal review, then please contact us at the address above or by emailing foi@phe.gov.uk

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 Officer