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Dear Mr Evans

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1118051

Thank you for your request dated 2 February in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

“Dear Department of Health and Social Care,

I write regarding the BH C2 series of files, these are concerned with the Central Blood Laboratories Authority (CBLA). 1 volume of this series of files is available on TNA's catalogue, but given the date range within BH C2 VOL 1 it seems likely there are further volumes in this series.

Under FOI please could you tell me if there are further volumes in the BH C2 series and if so when/how DH plans to make them available?”

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.

DHSC does not recognise files with the reference BH C2 VOL 1, and having searched the files that have been transferred to The National Archives using their Discovery catalogue have not found a file with this reference which relates to the Central Blood Laboratories Authority. We can continue processing the request if you are able to provide a link to the file you have found on Discovery which has the BH C2 VOL 1 file reference, or can confirm the correct file reference which is shown in the field ‘former reference in its original department’.

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 communications.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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