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Dear Mr Evans

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1118058

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 BLT 8 series of files, these are concerned with Council of Europe European Health Committee - Committee of Experts on Blood Transfusion and Immunohaematology. Some volumes of these files are available on TNA's catalogue, but not all of them. I have outlined those which are not yet on TNA's Online Discovery Catalogue below.

Under FOI, I would like to know, do these other missing volumes exist and if so when will they be made available? Given DH has stated it is committed to transparency in relation to these types of files I would expect if they do exist for them to be made available.

BLT 8	1 - Missing
BLT 8	2 - Missing
BLT 8	3 - Missing
BLT 8	4 - Missing
BLT 8	5 - Missing
BLT 8	6 - Missing
BLT 8	7 - Missing
BLT 8	8 - Missing
BLT 8	9 - Missing
BLT 8	10 - Missing
BLT 8	11 - Available

BLT 8 12 - Available
any further files in this series"

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

DHSC holds some of the information you have requested.

We do not have any record of files BLT/008/V001 to BLT/008/V010 being registered or deposited with the Departmental Records Office.

Please note that file BLT/008/V011 is the earliest file we have in our possession. Files BLT/008/V014 through to BLT/008/V018 are held by DHSC, but are not yet classed as historical files and are not due for transfer until 2019 and 2020.

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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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