

Dick Fowler

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Dear Dick Fowler

### **Your Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your request, detailed below, which we received on 27 July 2021.

"Please disclose communications during 2021 between EHRC; CQC; the NHS; Local Authorities and Care Homes about Equality and Human Rights issues around rapid discharge from hospitals into Care Homes as we exit the pandemic.

Where relevant, please include what the National Pensioners Convention letter to MPs described thus:

The Health and Care Bill removes the requirement for social care needs assessments to be carried out by the relevant local authority before a patient is discharged from hospital; this will leave families to pick up the pieces, and those without family at risk of isolation and lack of care."

This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We are writing to advise you that, following a search of our records relating to England, we have established that the information you requested is not held by the Equality and Human Rights Commission. Whilst we have had discussions with other organisations regarding care homes, these do not relate to issue you have highlighted. Please do let us know if you wish for us to find out about Scotland and/or Wales as they have their own strategies regarding the pandemic – we did not focus our searches for either nations on this occasion as the CQC only operates in England.

You may be interested to know that in October 2020 we published a parliamentary briefing entitled '[Equality and human rights in residential care in England during coronavirus](#)' which

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includes discharge from hospitals into care homes at the start of (not exit from) the pandemic as one of the issues raised.

### Internal Review

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The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
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Generally the ICO will not provide a decision until you have exhausted the review process within the Equality and Human Rights Commission.

We will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

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