

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 23 August 2021.

"Your robust parliamentary briefing Equality and Human Rights in Residential Care in England during Coronavirus [October 2020] is most interesting if unlikely to win EHRC any friends in government.

Was there any feedback or follow-up?"

Response

The briefing was sent to a number of organisations, including via our e-bulletin, and we are aware that some organisations posted comments about this on their social media pages although we do not have a copy of these.

Whilst we have not received any feedback directly from members of the UK Parliament or the Government, we have raised the briefing with the Department of Health and Social Care during our meetings with them. In addition:

- Baroness Kishwer Falkner, our Chair, [gave evidence to the Joint Committee on Human Rights](#) in March this year and [subsequently wrote to them](#) highlighting the issues regarding care homes;
- Melanie Field, the Executive Director of Strategy and Policy at the Commission, spoke at the All Party Parliamentary Group on Social Care about related issues and provided [a blog post for the event](#); and

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- An EHRC delegate talked through our briefing, engagement and impact at the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities at the United Nations on 17 June 2021.

The issues addressed in the briefing are still live and we take action as and when appropriate. For example, we provided expert input into the Care Quality Commission's review of how 'do not attempt resuscitation' notices were used during the first waves of the pandemic and continue to share intelligence on issues such as visiting rights and restrictive practices.

Internal Review

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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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