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Dear Mr Harris,

# Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1194403, FOI-1194404

Thank you for your requests dated 17 October in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

#### FOI-1194403

"Subject: Freedom of Information request - Cash received for sale of Plasma Resources UK in 2013

Dear Department of Health and Social Care, In 2013 the Department of Health sold 80% of Plasma Resources UK to Bain Capital. How much was received for the 80%?"

## FOI-1194404

"Subject: Freedom of Information request - Sale of 20% stake in BPL Holdings Ltd to Creat Dear Department of Health and Social Care, In 2016 the remaining 20% stake in Bio Products Laboratory Holdings Limited (formerly Plasma Resources UK) was sold to Creat. How much was received for this 20% shareholding"

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

## FOI-1194403

I can confirm that the Department holds information relevant to your request.

However, as the information held by the Department is in the public domain we will, under Section 21 of the FOIA (information accessible to the applicant by other means), refer you to the published source.

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/minister-welcomes-bain-capital-buying-majority-stake-in-pruk

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As a result of the sale of BPL to Creat in 2016, the Department of Health received proceeds of £257million, a result of the retained equity stake and other financial instruments put in place following the 2013 process.

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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 Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely,

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