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Dear JJ Evans

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI 1097610

Thank you for your request dated 10 September 2017 in which you asked the Department of Health (DH):

"I write regarding the CBL 8 series of files, these are concerned with Central Blood Laboratories Authority CBLA. 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. Given that the Department says it is committed to transparency please can you make the files available on the TNA's Catalogue as soon as possible?"

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

CBL	8	12 - Missing
CBL	8	13 - Missing
CBL	8	14 - Missing
CBL	8	15 - Missing
CBL	8	16 - Available"

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

DH does not hold this information.

Files CBL/008 volumes 1,2,3 have been prepared for transfer to The National Archives and forms part of the list of files that will be considered by the Advisory Council for National Records and Archives at their November meeting. If approval for transfer is given, then we would expect the files to be transferred to The National Archives in 2018. The class for these files has been opened on Discovery and is shown at

<http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/C14539307>

The Departmental Records Office has confirmed that they do not hold files with the references CBL/008 volumes 9 to 15. There are no records of these files being officially registered or stored at the Departmental Records Office.

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
Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely,

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