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Dear Dr Bansal,

**Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1516072**

Thank you for your request dated 24 June to the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), a copy of which can be found in the accompanying annex.

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

We have considered your request for information, but we are unable to answer it without further clarification. Section 1(3) of the FOIA does not oblige us to answer requests where we require further clarification to identify and locate the information requested.

So that we provide you with the right information, we would be grateful if you could clarify what you mean by the 'IEA'.

It would also be helpful if you could specify a time period and a particular policy area or team related to your request. Alternatively, you could specify a time period and request communication and meetings with ministers only. On receipt of this information, we will continue to process your request.

Please be aware that we cannot guarantee at this stage that a clarified request will fall within the FOIA cost limit, or that other exemptions will not apply.

Yours sincerely,

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## Annex

From: Dr Sandeep Bansal <request-1141512-c3d382ef@whatdotheyknow.com>  
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 12:51 AM  
To: FreedomofInformation <freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk>  
Subject: Freedom of Information request - Comms with IEA

Dear Department of Health and Social Care,

Can you please provide me all un-redacted communication between yourselves and the IEA. Please also give me any meeting dates with them.

If you can categorise the communications into two categories:

- 1) with Health Ministers
- 2) Rest of Department of Health

Thank you

Best wishes

Dr Sandeep Bansal