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Dr Sandeep Bansal

By email to: request-1141512-c3d382ef@whatdotheyknow.com

26 July 2024

Dear Dr Bansal,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1518238

Thank you for your further correspondence dated 15 July and 20 July to the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), in which you provided clarification to your original Freedom of Information request of 24 June (our ref: FOI-1516072). A copy of your original request and follow-up correspondence can be found in the accompanying annexes.

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

In reviewing your request again following your clarification, we have concluded that your request still requires clarification to ensure we are responding to it fully. As we previously explained, 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.

You have stated that you are interested in the key focus area of PA/AA regulation and implementation into the NHS. So that we provide you with the right information please can you clarify what you mean by the abbreviation 'PA/AA'.

We apologise that further clarification is needed, but we hope you can appreciate that we wish to interpret your request correctly and provide a complete response. 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 A
FOI-1518238

From: Dr Sandeep Bansal <request-1141512-c3d382ef@whatdotheyknow.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2024 1:27 AM
To: FreedomofInformation <freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk>
Subject: Internal review of Freedom of Information request - Comms with IEA

Dear Department of Health and Social Care,

Thanks

I mean the institute of economic affairs (<https://iea.org.uk>)

Time period the last 12 months and the key focus area is with regards to PA/AA regulation and implementation into the NHS

Yours faithfully,

Dr Sandeep Bansal

From: Dr Sandeep Bansal <request-1141512-c3d382ef@whatdotheyknow.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2024 7:14 PM
To: FreedomofInformation <freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk>
Subject: Internal review of Freedom of Information request - Comms with IEA

Dear Department of Health and Social Care,

thank you for your clarification question.

by the IEA I mean this org: <https://iea.org.uk>

Institute of Economic Affairs

Yours faithfully,

Dr Sandeep Bansal

Annex B
FOI-1516072

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