



Department of Health & Social Care

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Mr A I Clayton

By email to: request-1064525-3a07058a@whatdotheyknow.com

23 January 2024

Dear Mr Clayton,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1487822

Thank you for your request dated 1 January 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 can provide you with the right information, please can you provide one or more of the following.

- A specific subject matter.
- A specific sub-department, agency, or arm's length body.

On receipt of this information, I 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.

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 sent to freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk or to the address at the top of this letter and be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communication.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may complain directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have already appealed our original response and received our internal review decision. You should raise your concerns with the ICO within three months of your last meaningful contact with us.

Guidance on contacting the ICO can be found at <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us> and information about making a complaint can be found at <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint>.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex

From: A. I. Clayton <request-1064525-3a07058a@whatdotheyknow.com>

Sent: 01 January 2024 14:27

To: FreedomofInformation <freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk>

Subject: Freedom of Information request - Communications between DHSC and the Solicitors Regulation Authority

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Dear Department of Health and Social Care,

Please provide details and copies of all communications (electronic or otherwise) entered into and/or passing between the Department of Health and Social Care (including an sub-departments/agencies within such) and the Solicitors Regulation Authority, from the period commencing of 1st May 2019 to the present date.

Yours faithfully,

A. I. Clayton