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Dear Ally,

**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 (FOISA)**

Thank you for your request dated 17 September 2021 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) for:

"I would be grateful if you could send me all correspondence between Professor Andrew Morris or other representatives of Health Data Research UK, and the Chief Scientists Office and/or the Health Minister which relates to the management of Scottish health data. I am interested in all communications since January 2020. This could include emails, presentations, meeting records or minutes, reports and SMS or other instant messages".

In order to identify and locate the information that you have asked for we need some further information from you. In particular, it would be helpful to know who are the "other representatives of Health Data Research UK" you are referring to? Please can you also clarify what is meant by "the management of Scottish health data". As I am unable to continue without this, I will put your request on hold until I hear back from you.

When we receive this further information from you we will be able to respond to your request, in accordance with FOISA, as soon as possible, and not later than 16 working days after we receive that information.

If you wish to discuss any of the above, please contact me. You may also find it helpful to look at the Scottish Information Commissioner's 'Tips for requesting information under FOI and the EIRs' on his website at:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Tipsforrequesters.aspx>.

Yours sincerely

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