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Dear Mr/Ms Evans,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1104648

Thank you for your request dated 31 October in which you asked the Department of Health (DH):

"Under the FOI act I would like to know the below:

- 1) Did the Department of Health consult with any former Ministers in regard to the Contaminated Blood Inquiry announced in July 2017?*
- 2) Which former Ministers were consulted?"*

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

The DH holds information within the scope of your request. DH spoke to Andy Burnham about the contaminated blood inquiry after the announcement of the inquiry in July 2017. This was due to his campaign and correspondence on this matter as a former MP, rather than as a former Minister.

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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