



Department of Health

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FOIs-1006257/1006376/1006404/1006422/1006427

Dear Ms Burns,

Thank you for your requests of the 5th and 7th December 2015 under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act (2000) (our references FOIs-1006257/1006376/1006404/1006422/1006427). Your exact requests were:

FOI-1006257

"Please will you send me an electronic copy of this report?"

Report of the Social Work Service of DHSS into certain aspects of the management of the case of Stephen Menheniott. Great Britain. Department of Health and Social Security. Social Work Service Book. English. Published London: H.M.S.O., 1978

Please note that I am unable to travel to see a library copy."

FOI-1006376

"Please will you send me an electronic copy of

"Child Abuse: A Study of Inquiry Reports, 1973-81" published by the then Department of Health and Social Security?

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FOI-1006404

"Please will you send me an electronic copy of a report as below

"Report of a committee of inquiry into the provision and co-ordination of services to the family of John George Auckland", published HMSO, London, 1975 commissioned by the Department of Health and Social Security?"

FOI-1006422

"Please will you send me an electronic copy of the following report?

'Report of the committee of inquiry into the case of Paul Steven Brown' published by HMSO London December 1980 commissioned by the Department of Health and Social Security?"

FOI-1006427

"Please will you send me an electronic copy of the following report

"Report of the Committee of Inquiry into the actions of the authorities and agencies relating to Darryn James Clarke" published by HMSO, London, November 1979 Commissioned by the Department of Health and Social Security."

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Alternatively, they can be requested from the British Library through the inter-library loan service via your public library. Please discuss with your local library if you require any reasonable adjustments under the Equality Act.

These publications may also be available to purchase via the TSO website. For example, details of how to purchase *'Child abuse : a study of inquiry reports 1973-1981 Department of Health and Social Security, London : H.M.S.O., 1982'* are available here:

<https://www.tsoshop.co.uk/bookstore.asp?FO=1159966&Action=Book&ProductID=9780113207886&From=SearchResults>

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Yours sincerely,

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