

5 October 2018

Our ref: NIC-234026-B4R2F

Dear Sandre Jones,

**Re: Information Request – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000**

Thank you for your email dated 21 September 2018 in relation to the following information.

*“On 7 September 2018 I made an FOI request on Twitter (which can be found here:*

*I am restating this request here and anticipate a response by 5 October 2018, 20 days from the original request, in accordance with Information Commissioner's Office guidance that requests made via social media are acceptable.*

*The request was a response to the press release that the NHS app is to be tested in five different regions and is as follows:*

*Please publish and provide links*

- 1) to assessment of [the NHS] app against <https://developer.nhs.uk/digital-tools/daq/> ... and*
- 2) assessments of all existing [NHS approved/listed] apps against these standards.*

*I do not consider that this request should fall outwith the s12 cost limit, as these assessments should be readily available and published as a matter of course in the public interest in digital technology within the NHS, especially apps.*

*Many apologies, I failed to include the link to the original request in the restatement: it is at [https://twitter.com/ SandreJ/status/1037960511416135680](https://twitter.com/SandreJ/status/1037960511416135680)”*

We have considered your request and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Please see the answers to each question listed below:

*Please publish and provide links*

Question 1)

*“to assessment of [the NHS] app against <https://developer.nhs.uk/digital-tools/daq/>”*

Answer 1)

NHS Digital have not yet assessed the NHS App against <https://developer.nhs.uk/digital-tools/daq/>. Therefore, we are unable to publish or provide the links requested at this time.

Question 2)

*“assessments of all existing [NHS approved/listed] apps against these standards.”*

Answer 2)

We can confirm that no assessments have yet been completed against the newly published version 2.1 DAQ standard referred to in your request. Please see the Apps store for the list of Apps available here: <https://apps.beta.nhs.uk/>.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the NHS Digital website.

I hope you understand the reasons why we are unable to supply the information requested. However, if you are not satisfied, you may request a review from a suitably qualified member of staff not involved in the initial query, via the [enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk](mailto:enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk) email address or by post at the above postal address.

Yours sincerely,

**Information Assurance Advisor**

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