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By email to: request-1224339-dbda3057@whatdotheyknow.com

16 January 2025

Dear James,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1565200

Thank you for your request dated 11 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).

Please note, under section 8(1) of the FOIA, a request for information must comply with three requirements. It must:

- (a) be in writing,
- (b) state the name of the applicant and an address for correspondence, and
- (c) describe the information requested.

After initial consideration, this request appears to comply with requirements (a) and (c); but it does not comply with requirement (b), because you have not provided your full name. As your request is not valid under FOIA, I am not obliged to process your request. I would like to take this opportunity to recommend that any future FOI submissions adhere to Section 8 of the FOIA.

To enable us to meet your request, please resubmit your application including your full name. This should normally include your first name or a title (e.g. Mr, Ms or Dr), as well as your surname.

We will consider your resubmitted request upon receipt, as long as it meets the requirements stated above. You will then receive a response from us within the statutory timescale of 20 working days. However, 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.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team
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Annex

From: James <request-1224339-dbda3057@whatdotheyknow.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2025 11:07 PM
To: FreedomofInformation <freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk>
Subject: Freedom of Information request - Dental Schools Financial Sanctions

Dear Department of Health and Social Care,

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding NHS-funded dental education in England:

1. Are dental schools financially sanctioned for producing too few or too many dentists each year?
2. If so, what are the criteria for applying such sanctions, and how are they enforced?
3. Which body or organization is responsible for regulating and monitoring this process?
4. Is Health Education England involved in setting targets or quotas for the number of dentists produced annually, and how are these targets determined?

I would appreciate it if you could provide any relevant documents, policies, or data on this subject.

Thank you for your assistance.

Kind regards,

James