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Dear Mr Lewis

Thank you for your letter received on 6 March 2019 addressed to Public Health England (PHE). Your request has been treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act. In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the FOI Act, I can confirm that Public Health England (PHE) holds the information requested.

Your request:

In your previous message it mentioned that "under section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act, public authorities are not obliged to provide information that is intended for future publication", why was it assumed made that we intend to publish this information? And can you clarify why that would be a problem even if that was our intention, especially as the information is already in the public domain?

- Can you clarify why as these appointments are to a public body developing public policy why is it not in the public interest to know?

- Can the minutes that were previously provided be resent without redactions of the members?

Section 22 is an exemption of the Freedom of information act which exempts information for release at that time as it will be made available public in the future by the public authority.

The alcohol leadership board is not a public body. It is an advisory body and does not develop public policy. Personal information is exempt under Section 40.

If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer your query in writing in the first instance. If you remain dissatisfied and would like to request an internal review, then please contact us at the address above or by emailing foi@phe.gov.uk

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team