



UK Health
Security
Agency

By email

request-979774-cf517239@whatdotheyknow.com

Our ref: 12/08/23/JS/329

15 September 2023

Dear J Andrews,

Re: Internal review of Freedom of Information request - Discussions relating to location

Thank you for your further request received on 12 August 2023 addressed to the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA). In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act), I can confirm that UKHSA does hold information relevant to your request.

Request

Please could you provide documents relating to discussions on future UKHSA location.

Please limit information to correspondence from or with the CEO relating to Harlow from 1 January 2023 to 31 May 2023.

Response

In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Act, UKHSA can confirm that it does hold information relevant to your request.

However, having reviewed your further narrowed request, UKHSA can confirm that your request is too broad in scope. This information is therefore exempt under Section 12(1) of the Act.

Section 12(1) of the Act means public authorities are not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for UKHSA is set at £600, which represents the cost of one person spending 24 hours determining whether we hold the information, and then locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

Our search, using the refined search criteria you provided, has returned 955 emails.

3 of these emails were selected randomly and it took approximately 7 minutes to review them determine whether the information contained within the emails fell within the scope of your request.

To review all 955 emails would therefore take approximately 37 hours.

Under Section 16 of the Act, public authorities have a duty to provide advice and assistance. Accordingly, we can advise that if your request was further narrowed to focus on, for example, a shorter time period, we may be able to answer your request. However, please note that refining your request does not guarantee that UKHSA will be able to fulfil it as the request may still be too broad in nature.

If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer your query to the Information Rights Team in writing in the first instance. If you remain dissatisfied and would like to request an internal review, then please contact us by emailing InformationRights@UKHSA.gov.uk

Please note that you have the right to an independent review by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) if a query cannot be resolved through the UKHSA internal review procedure. The ICO can be contacted by calling the ICO's helpline on 0303 123 1113, visiting the ICO's website at www.ico.org.uk or writing to the ICO at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,
Information Rights Team