



UK Health
Security
Agency

By email

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Our ref: 11/05/23/JS/99

23 June 2023

Dear John Andrews,

Re: Freedom of Information request - Discussions relating to location

Thank you for your request received on 11 May 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.

I clarify that this is regarding the statement in the Science strategy, page 7, "With the development of new modern facilities we will build UKHSA's presence in one of the UK's growing life sciences innovation corridors."

Please can you provide details of all discussions including reports, minutes and emails.

Those single sites where the majority of activity is undertaken. If a specific limit is required, this can be the top 3 sites .

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 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.

It may be helpful to explain that the information you have requested is not held all in one place. It would require a large number of different individuals and teams to separately conduct searches of their records in order to obtain the full extent of the information within scope of your request which is held by UKHSA.

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 narrowed to focus on, for example, a specific site, a specific search term and/or specific dates, 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