



# Department of Health

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Dear Mr Eeles,

**Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1109944**

Thank you for your request dated 6 December in which you asked the Department of Health:

*Subject: Freedom of Information request - DNR Statistics for the UK*

*Dear Department of Health,*

*Thank you for your time. I would like to know how many patients in the UK over the past 3 years have asked or have had a DNR (Do not resuscitate) applied to their medical records.*

*If it is possible to have this broken down by region/county if able to be provided, can ages and genders also be supplied for these patients.*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

The Department does not hold the information you requested. This is because the Department of Health does not hold medical records centrally. Medical records are held locally by the NHS organisations that are responsible for patient care, such as hospitals and GP surgeries.

You may also wish to contact NHS England, which may hold information relevant to your request. Details on how to do so are as follows:

Tel: 0300 311 2233

Email: [england.contactus@nhs.net](mailto:england.contactus@nhs.net)

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to appeal by asking for an internal review. This should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the address at the top of this letter, or the email address at the end of this letter.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may complain directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) who may decide to investigate your concerns. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have already appealed our original response, and received our internal review response. The ICO will not usually investigate concerns where there has been an undue delay in bringing it to their attention. You should raise your concerns with them within three months of your last meaningful contact with us. The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely,

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