



# Department of Health & Social Care

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Dear Mr Baker

## **Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1138937**

Thank you for your request dated 28 June 2018 in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

***Subject: Freedom of Information request - Documents used to support a statement***

***In a statement in response to a petition to Parliament headed Scrap car parking charges at NHS Hospitals in England (please see <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/219650>), amongst other things your department stated the following:***

***Since introducing free parking at hospitals, Scotland and Wales have seen other issues arise, such as illegitimate use and a lack of spaces.***

***Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide suitably redacted copies of the documents that were sourced in order to support this statement.***

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

DHSC holds information relevant to your request. However, as this information is in the public domain, we will under Section 21 of the FOIA (information accessible to the applicant by other means) refer you to the published source. Information is available at this link (which is typical of news reports relating to this issue):

<https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/fp/news/inverness/1488762/highland-msp-launches-parking-campaign-for-raigmore-hospital/>

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  
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Yours sincerely,

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