



# Department of Health & Social Care

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Dear Ms Hart,

## **Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1265667**

Thank you for your request dated 22 October in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

*"Dear Department of Health and Social Care,*

*Background: Children – as the noun suggests – are not adults. Fundamentally, they are not able to take part in adult choices or the state apparatus.*

*Children do not pay taxes, nor can they vote, and therefore it is the duty of the government to care for them when they are in danger of starvation.*

*Therefore...*

*Fol request: Please kindly provide a copy of your duty of care to children "*

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

I have considered your request for information, but I am unable to answer it without further clarification. Section 1(3) of the FOIA does not oblige us to answer requests where we require further clarification to identify and locate the information requested.

So that I provide you with the right information, please can you provide a specific aspect of Children's Health and Social Care that you are interested in. On receipt of this information I will continue to process your request.

Please be aware that we cannot guarantee at this stage that a clarified request will fall within the FOIA cost limit, or that other exemptions will not apply.

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's Office (ICO). Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have already appealed our original response and received our internal review decision. You should raise your concerns with the ICO 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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