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Dear Mr Pashby,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1302863

Thank you for your request dated 9 February 2021 in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

"Please will you disclose any email correspondence between the Chair of NHS Test and Trace and the Government Chief Whip, regarding the definition, scope and function of the Chair's role as 'public office holder' and a Conservative member of the House of Lords?"

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

DHSC does not hold the information you requested.

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 this letter and sent to FreedomOfInformation@dhsc.gov.uk, or to the address at the top of this letter.

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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
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Yours sincerely,

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