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Mr Adam Hibbert

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5 November 2024

Dear Mr Hibbert,

### **Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1537493**

Thank you for your request dated 16 October to the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), a copy of which can be found in the accompanying annex.

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

DHSC does not hold the information you have requested.

However, we have additional information which we are providing to you on a discretionary basis. This is outside the scope of the FOIA, and not subject to internal review.

The data collection forms are statutory forms, and DHSC is required to publish them. However, all updates and changes are made by the National Child Mortality Database team, who do so in conjunction with relevant experts in each area. You may wish to contact the National Child Mortality Database for further information on Child Death Notification Forms. Its contact details are available at the following link:

<https://www.ncmd.info/contact/>

The National Child Mortality Database is an NHS England funded programme which is commissioned through the independent non-profit organisation HQIP (Health Quality Improvement Partnership). You may therefore wish to contact NHS England about any equality impact assessment: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi/>

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 sent to [freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk) or to the address at the top of this letter and be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

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

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.

Guidance on contacting the ICO can be found at <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us> and information about making a complaint can be found at <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint>.

Yours sincerely,

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## Annex

From: Adam Hibbert <request-1187626-9df9132b@whatdotheyknow.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 8:14 AM

To: FreedomofInformation <freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk>

Subject: Freedom of Information request - Equality Impact Assessment for alterations to the Child Death Notification Form

Dear Department of Health and Social Care,

Please provide a copy of any Equality Impact Assessment report conducted in the course of making this year's change to the Child Death Notification Form to include a gender identity question.

Yours faithfully,  
Adam Hibbert