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**By email**

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Dear Sam O'Hare,

**Re: Freedom of Information request - Funding and discussions regarding the Zoe COVID App**

Thank you for your request received on 04 April 2023 addressed to the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA). In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act), I can confirm that UKHSA partly holds the information you have specified.

***Request***

***could you please send me the following:***

- all information on funding you have - directly or indirectly, e.g. via UKHSA/PHE provided to the ZOE Covid App (including funding to Join Zoe)***
- any discussions you had with Join ZOE for the set up of the the ZOE Covid app***

***Response***

- The Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) entered into a grant agreement with ZOE Global Ltd. in August 2020 to provide funding to maintain delivery of the COVID Symptom Study.
- The study had been launched earlier that year (March 2020), at the beginning of the pandemic, prior to any Government funding
- The study was designed by King's College London in conjunction with ZOE Global Ltd
- Discussions between DHSC and ZOE began in early July 2020 and the grant was signed on 12 August 2020
- The initial grant agreement ran from 1 July 2020 to 28 February 2021
- Subsequent grant agreements extended the funding to 31 March 2022
- The total amount of funding from 12 August 2020 through to 31 March 2022 was £5,102,960.47
- Administration of the funding was transferred from DHSC to UKHSA when the latter began operations in October 2021.
- Following cessation of funding after 31 March 2022, the COVID Symptom Study changed its name to the ZOE Health Study.

- To date, there has been no further Government involvement with or funding of Zoe Global Ltd.

Discussions did not start until beginning of July so we do not have anything to disclose for the second part of your request.

If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer your query to the Information Rights Team in writing in the first instance. If you remain dissatisfied and would like to request an internal review, then please contact us at the address above or by emailing [InformationRights@UKHSA.gov.uk](mailto:InformationRights@UKHSA.gov.uk).

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Yours sincerely,  
Information Rights Team