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Dr Owain Gardner

By email to: request-1070333-02ad4aff@whatdotheyknow.com

6 February 2024

Dear Dr Gardner,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1489254

Thank you for your request dated 12 January 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 holds the information you have requested. The most recent data publication was for November 2023, so our analysis covers the period December 2019-November 2023 instead.

There were 183,901 appointments booked between December 2019 and November 2023 in the York Outer constituency that had a time between booking and appointment greater than 2 weeks.

This is similar to 17% of the overall appointment total for the constituency. The above does not include Covid vaccine or PCN appointments in the constituency.

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 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: Dr Owain Gardner <request-1070333-02ad4aff@whatdotheyknow.com>
Sent: 12 January 2024 17:16
To: FreedomofInformation <freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk>
Subject: Freedom of Information request - GP Waiting times over 2 Weeks in York Outer Constituency

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Dear Department of Health and Social Care,

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would like to request the following information:

1. The number of GP appointments in York Outer Constituency with a waiting time of over 2 weeks in the period December 2019 to January 2024

I would like you to provide this information in the following format:

A single .pdf document.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on should any aspect of my request require clarification.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Owain Gardner