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Mr Joseph Lloyd

By email to: request-887563-a6ebfcd7@whatdotheyknow.com

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Dear Mr Lloyd,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1415573

Thank you for your request dated 16 August 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 information relevant to your request, which we are providing in the 12 pdf documents attached.

In order to respond to your request, officials have searched through emails and shared folders. Following an extensive search, we are able to provide you with all of the agendas for the four meetings which took place, all minutes taken, and all briefing materials and papers that are held on file.

Whilst every attempt has been made to provide you with a comprehensive record of documents requested, officials that provided secretariat support for the Health Tech Advisory Board are no longer in the organisation. Some materials may have been tabled at meetings, and we do not have access to those documents.

Please note that the names of two individuals have been redacted from one of the attached documents. Personal data of officials below Senior Civil Service (SCS) level is exempt from disclosure pursuant to section 40(2) of the FOIA, which provides for the protection of personal information which would not otherwise be available in the public domain.

It is also worth noting that the documents provided contain views from independent Board members, and do not represent the views or policies of DHSC.

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: Joseph Lloyd <request-887563-a6ebfcd7@whatdotheyknow.com>
Sent: 16 August 2022 19:38
To: FreedomofInformation <freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk>
Subject: Freedom of Information request - Healthtech Advisory board meetings (2018 - 2019)*

Dear Department of Health and Social Care,

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I wish to see full copies of all minutes, agendas, action logs and briefing materials for the Healthtech Advisory board meetings held between 2018 and 2019.

Please also include any other materials that were handed out or received during the meetings, such as presentations, reports, etc..

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*Yours faithfully,
Joseph Lloyd*