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Freedom of Information Request – ID3826

Dear Mr Warlow,

Thank you for your email of 30/11/2021, in which you have made the request, "Please publish any directives and instructions that the Home Office have instructed the Maritime & Coastguard Agency to follow in responding to incidents of overloaded dinghies in the English Channel."

HM Coastguard is the coordinating authority for search and rescue in the UK and as such has primacy for all search and rescue activities in the Channel. The Home Office has not issued any directives or instructions to the Maritime and Coastguard to follow when responding to incidents of overloaded dinghies in the English Channel.

This concludes our response to your request. If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you may contact us within two calendar months to request an internal review by an officer who was not involved in the original response. Please write to the FOIA Unit at:

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In the event that you are not satisfied with the decision resulting from our internal review you can apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision notice. The Information Commissioner's offices are currently closed due to the COVID-19 situation, and the following link contains information on how you should proceed: [Link to ICO information](#).

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Yours sincerely,
Ms Sarah Walker