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Duncan Husband

By email: request-703894-0ea8f28e@whatdotheyknow.com

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Dear Duncan Husband

We refer to your request where you asked:

“How did Matt Hancock obtain his job as Secretary of State for Health and Social Care?”

What qualifications Matt Hancock has to do his job as Secretary of State for Health and Social Care?”

I am writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is held by the Cabinet Office.

Appointments to Government are made by the Crown on the recommendation of the Prime Minister. Mr Hancock’s appointment as Secretary of State for Health and Social Care was made and announced on 24 July 2019 and listed in the official press release following the formation of the Government (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/full-list-of-new-ministerial-and-government-appointments-july-2019>)

Further details about Mr Hancock’s biographical details are provided on GOV.UK at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/people/matthew-hancock>.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request or wish to request an internal review, you should write to:

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You should note that the Cabinet Office will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Cabinet Office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. B. K.', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

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