



## Department of Health & Social Care

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Dear Mr/Ms Smith,

### **Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1163459**

Thank you for your request dated 19 January, in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

*In the National Data Guardian debate on the 12th December, Lord O'Shaughnessy said to the House of Lords:*

*With the permission of the House, I need to clarify an important point raised at Second Reading on demographic data. I have laid a letter on this subject before the House as a more extended account."*

<https://www.theyworkforyou.com/lords/?id=2018-12-12c.1344.3#g1345.0>

*That letter does not appear to have been deposited with the House library for publication. Can you please provide a copy of the letter Lord O'Shaughnessy referred to in that debate? (either the letter itself, or a link to a newly deposited paper placed in the House library)*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act.

I can confirm that DHSC holds the information you requested. Please see the attached letter.

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 submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the address at the top of this letter, or the email address at the end 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 (ICO) who may decide to investigate your concerns.

Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have already appealed our original response, and received our internal review response. The ICO will not usually investigate concerns where there has been an undue delay in bringing it to their attention. You should raise your concerns with them within three months of your last meaningful contact with us.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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Yours sincerely,

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