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Mr Vincent Nash

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7 November 2024

Dear Mr Nash,

**Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1535900**

Thank you for your request dated 9 October 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). Please note, we have interpreted your question '*How many documents were released to the Government from this App*' to be about messages sent to the Covid Inquiry Unit.

DHSC does not hold the information you have requested. No request was made to Matt Hancock to give messages sent to him using the Matt Hancock App to the Covid Inquiry Unit. Therefore, DHSC does not have a record of any messages from the Matt Hancock App.

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](mailto: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: Vincent Nash <request-1184911-b994230b@whatdotheyknow.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 7:02 AM  
To: FreedomofInformation <freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk>  
Subject: Freedom of Information request - Matt Hancock App documents released to Covid Inquiry

Dear Department of Health and Social Care,

I asked the Cabinet Office the question below and they took 20 days to say that I should ask you instead.

Could you please tell me

When it was decided to request that Matt Hancock give his messages sent to him using the Matt Hancock App to the Inquiry.

How many documents were released to the Government from this App.

I look forward to your official response which will be published in full.

Vincent

Yours faithfully,

Vincent Nash