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Dear Mr Carroll,

## **Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1282421 and FOI-1282422**

Thank you for your two requests dated 16 December 2020 in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

### **FOI-1282421**

*"I am requesting the minutes of the meeting between DHSC EIBSS on the 29/01/2019, 13/02/2019, 18/03/2019."*

### **FOI-1282422**

*"I am requesting how many meeting took place between DHSC Infected Blood Policy Team between 01/10/2019 01/12/2020"*

Your requests have been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Where more than one request is received for the same or similar information, section 5(2) of the FOI and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 allows public authorities to aggregate requests and respond to them together. Therefore, I have aggregated your requests.

For ease of reference, I have separated the individual elements of your request.

**I am requesting the minutes of the meeting between DHSC EIBSS on the 29/01/2019, 13/02/2019, 18/03/2019**

DHSC holds the information you requested. Please see the attached PDF documents. It should be noted that we have redacted some of this information under Section 40(2) of the FOIA.

Section 40(2) provides for the protection of personal information. Section 40 prohibits a public body from disclosing personally identifiable information, as doing so would contravene data protection principles.

**I am requesting how many meeting took place between DHSC Infected Blood Policy Team between 01/10/2019 01/12/2020**

DHSC holds the information you requested. There were 11 meetings held between 01/10/2019 and 01/12/2020.

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 this letter and sent to [FreedomOfInformation@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:FreedomOfInformation@dhsc.gov.uk), or to the address at the top 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.

The ICO can be contacted at:

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