



## Department of Health & Social Care

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Dear Mr Evans,

### **Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1115823**

Thank you for your request dated 19 January 2018, in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

*“Under FOI please could you provide a list (including dates and topic) of meetings held between DH and The Haemophilia Society since 1st June 2017 to present day.”*

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

I can confirm that DHSC holds the information you requested. The Department has met with The Haemophilia Society five times since 1 June 2017 up to the date of your request.

The Haemophilia Society provides secretariat to the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Haemophilia and Contaminated Blood. Two meetings have taken place with APPG, one on 31 October 2017 and the second on 28 November 2017.

The Haemophilia Society was represented on the Department of Health’s Reference Group (as it was then called), which met on 29 September 2017 and 23 November 2017.

The Haemophilia Society and Department of Health and Social Care officials have met once on 10 January 2018.

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 communications.

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  
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Yours sincerely,

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