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Dear Rachel,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1386034

Thank you for your request dated 20th January, in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

"Please could you provide the following information for me if possible:

- 1. How many looked after children in England were referred to mental health services in each year from 2018 to 2021?*
- 2. What percentage of children referred to mental health services in England in each year from 2018 to 2021 were (a) looked after children and (b) all other children?*
- 3. How many looked after children in England were admitted to accident and emergency for self-harming in each year from 2018 to 2021?*
- 4. What percentage of children admitted to accident and emergency for self-harming in England in each year from 2018 to 2021 were (a) looked after children and (b) all other children?*
- 5. What percentage of children admitted to accident and emergency following attempting suicide in England in each year from 2018 to 2021 were (a) looked after children and (b) all other children?."*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Please note, under section 8(1) of FOIA, a request for information must comply with three requirements. It must:

- (a) be in writing
- (b) state the name of the applicant and an address for correspondence and
- (c) describes the information requested.

After initial consideration, this request appears to comply with requirements (a) and (c) but it does not comply with requirement (b) because you have not provided your full name. As your request is not valid under FOIA, I am not obliged to process your request. I would like

to take this opportunity to recommend that any future FOI submissions adhere to Section 8 of the FOIA.

To enable us to meet your request, please resubmit your application including your real name. This should normally include your first name or a title (e.g. Miss or Dr) as well as your surname.

We will consider your resubmitted request upon receipt as long as it meets the requirements stated above. You will then receive a response from us within the statutory timescale of 20 working days.

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 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.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Website: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns>

Yours sincerely,

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