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Dear Lord Crawford

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Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your enquiry of 26 January 2021, which we have considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOI Act).

You asked for the following information:

"How much money has Her Majesty's Treasury given to the DHSC in 2020"

Our interpretation of this request is that you are referring to the current 2020-21 financial year, as the budget for the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) is not set on a calendar year basis.

This information is already within the public domain at the following location:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/spending-review-2020-documents/spending-review-2020#departmental-settlements>

Please see Tables C.2 to C.5 for the relevant information on the Department for Health and Social Care.

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hmt-supplementary-estimates>

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publication. Given this, we judge that the balance of the public interest lies in not disclosing the information held at this time, but in the Treasury releasing the information within the planned publication. The current expectation is that the Supplementary Estimates information will be published this month.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us. Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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