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By email to: request-1156669-6ebe5345@whatdotheyknow.com

22 August 2024

Dear Halush Brinton,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1523766

Thank you for your request dated 9 August 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).

DHSC holds information relevant to your request.

However, as the information held is in the public domain, we will, under section 21 of the FOIA (information accessible to the applicant by other means), refer you to the published sources.

The National Oversight Group for High Secure Hospitals' annual reports for 2009/2010; 2010/2011 and 2011/2013 are publicly available at the following links:

- 2009-10 report: [National oversight group for high security health services: annual report 2009 to 2010 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)
- 2010-2011 report: [National Oversight Group Annual Report 2010-11 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)
- 2011-13 one (two years) [National oversight group annual report \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](http://publishing.service.gov.uk)

We have additional information which we are providing to you on a discretionary basis. This is outside the scope of the FOIA and not subject to internal review.

Although the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care remains responsible for high secure services provided in England and Wales, from 2013 the operation of the National Oversight Group for High Secure Hospitals has transferred to NHS England.

You may wish to contact NHS England which may hold further information relevant to your request.

NHS England can be contacted at: england.contactus@nhs.net.

Please write "Freedom of Information" in the subject line of any FOI request.

If you are not satisfied with the handling of this 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.

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

-----Original Message-----

From: Halush Brinton <request-1156669-6ebe5345@whatdotheyknow.com>
Sent: Friday, August 9, 2024 4:53 PM
To: FreedomofInformation <freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk>
Subject: Freedom of Information request - National Oversight Group for High Secure Services.

Dear Department of Health and Social Care,

From the year 2009 onwards:

Please provide a list of all materials published by the National Oversight Group for High Secure Services.

Please also direct me to where further information about this Group exists.

Thank you in advance.

Yours faithfully,

Halush
