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24 June 2022

Dear Mr Flatt,

**Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1407122**

Thank you for your request dated 29 May 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 does not hold the information you have requested. However, you may wish to contact the NHS Business Services Authority ([NHSBSA](http://NHSBSA)), which may hold information relevant to your request. Please be advised that the information provided to you in your FOI from last year was information DHSC had received from NHSBSA. Any further queries on this subject should be directed to them.

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](mailto: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: Nick Flatt <request-865754-3b8b4eca@whatdotheyknow.com>

Sent: 29 May 2022 12:15

To: FreedomofInformation <freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk>

Subject: Freedom of Information request - NHS Voluntary Early Retirement statistics 2021-2022

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Dear Department of Health and Social Care,

Last year you kindly provided me with NHS Voluntary Early Retirement statistics for 01/04/2020-31/03/2021 (FOI-1328701) as follows:

[https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.whatdotheyknow.com%2Frequest%2Fnhs\\_voluntary\\_early\\_retirement\\_s\\_2%23incoming-1806597&data=05%7C01%7Cdhmail%40dhsc.gov.uk%7Cce18ac76635c4740463e08da42476f29%7C61278c3091a84c318c1fef4de8973a1c%7C1%7C0%7C637895171806231638%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWlloiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJB](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.whatdotheyknow.com%2Frequest%2Fnhs_voluntary_early_retirement_s_2%23incoming-1806597&data=05%7C01%7Cdhmail%40dhsc.gov.uk%7Cce18ac76635c4740463e08da42476f29%7C61278c3091a84c318c1fef4de8973a1c%7C1%7C0%7C637895171806231638%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWlloiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJB)  
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I would be grateful if you could provide the figures for 01/04/2021-31/03/2022 for the same groups i.e. Hospital doctors, General medical practitioners and General dental practitioners in England & Wales. Please include both total retirements and early retirements in each group. I looked on the NHSBSA site but their data is unclear. Thank you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

Nick Flatt