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Dear Miss Carmichael

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1152345

Thank you for your request dated 12 October 2018 in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

Subject: Freedom of Information request - NHS workers suicide rates

Please may I have access to data showing the number of suicides committed by NHS workers per year from 2008 to 2018.

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

DHSC does not hold this information.

However, outside of the scope of the FOIA, you may be interested in the following information.

An answer to a recent Parliamentary Question (PQ 174590, replied to on 13 September 2018) contains information relating to the number of doctors and dentists who died by suicide in the last five years, and is available here:

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-questions-answers/?page=1&max=20&questiontype=AllQuestions&house=commons%2clouds&uin=174590>

As indicated in the answer to the PQ, these statistics were sourced from The Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Special extracts and tabulations of mortality data for England and Wales are available to order from the ONS (subject to legal frameworks, disclosure control, resources and agreements of costs, where appropriate). Such enquiries should be made to the Mortality Analysis team at the ONS at mortality@ons.gsi.gov.uk, and you may wish to contact them directly in order to discuss your data requirements in more detail.

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
Wycliffe House
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<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely,

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