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Dear Mr Thomas

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1156761

Thank you for your request dated 14 November 2018 in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

Subject: Freedom of Information request - Number of hospitalisations for cannabis induced illness 2010-2018

I would like to make a request under Freedom of Information Act.

I would like to ask how many people were admitted to hospital in England and Wales for illnesses, including psychosis, related to cannabis use from 2010 to 2018.

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

I can confirm that DHSC holds some information relevant to your request. However, as this information is collated and published annually on GOV.UK by NHS Digital, and so is in the public domain, I will refer you to the published source under Section 21 of the FOIA (information accessible to the applicant by other means). The most recent statistics on drug related hospital admissions in England are available at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/statistics-on-drug-misuse-england-2018>

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
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Yours sincerely,

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