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Ms Felicity Harrison

By email to: [request-1233349-5fadf672@whatdotheyknow.com](mailto:request-1233349-5fadf672@whatdotheyknow.com)

26 February 2025

Dear Ms Harrison,

**Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1572482**

Thank you for your request dated 4 February 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 the information you have requested.

The filenames for the rest of the photoshoot are as follows:

LH-HW-1.jpg  
LH-HW-2.jpg  
LH-HW-3.jpg  
LH-HW-4.jpg  
LH-HW-5.jpg  
LH-HW-6.jpg  
LH-HW-7.jpg  
LH-HW-8.jpg  
LH-HW-9.jpg  
LH-HW-10.jpg  
LH-HW-11.jpg

Each file has the same description:

"14/11/2023. London, United Kingdom. Minister of State in the Department for Health and Social Care Helen Whately poses for an official portrait at the Department of Health and Social Care. Picture by Lauren Hurley / DHSC"

We are withholding the photos themselves under section 40(2) of the FOIA, which provides for the protection of personal information. Section 40 prohibits a public body from disclosing personally identifiable information, as doing so would contravene the first data protection principle.

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you can request we undertake an internal review. If doing so, it would be helpful for you to be explicit which areas of the Freedom of Information response you consider dissatisfactory. Complaints to us 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 40 working days 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 complained to us about our original response and received our response to your complaint and, if applicable, our internal review decision. You should raise your concerns with the ICO within six weeks of your last substantive 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

From: Felicity Harrison <request-1233349-5fadf672@whatdotheyknow.com>  
Sent: 04 February 2025 14:06  
To: FreedomofInformation <freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk>  
Subject: Freedom of Information request - Photographs of Helen Whately

Dear Department of Health and Social Care,

Thank you for your reply to my request last year.

[https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/helen\\_whately\\_photograph#describe\\_state\\_for\\_m\\_1](https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/helen_whately_photograph#describe_state_for_m_1)

The photograph you sent me was called LH HW 10 and was taken on November 14 2023.

I would like to receive, in line with FOI, the rest of that photoshoot.

I would also like to know the filenames and a description of the other photographs taken using the same camera on the same date.

Yours faithfully,

Felicity Harrison