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24 October 2023

Dear Open Rights Group,

**Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1473469**

Thank you for your request dated 17 October 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 has not issued any guidance regarding referrals under the Prevent Duty in 2023.

Outside of the scope of the FOIA, and on a discretionary basis, you may be interested in the following information.

Following the Home Office's publication of the Prevent Duty Guidance in September 2023 [Prevent duty guidance: England and Wales \(2023\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance-england-and-wales-2023), DHSC is updating our relevant guidance and this will be published on GOV.UK in 2024.

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](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: Open Rights Group <request-1038558-7ae2b206@whatdotheyknow.com>

Sent: 17 October 2023 15:23

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

Subject: Freedom of Information request - Prevent Policy

Dear Department of Health and Social Care,

I understand the department issued new guidance on making referrals under the Prevent Duty this month in October 2023. I would like to request a copy of the guidance issued to relevant establishments and health professionals under the Freedom of Information Act 2005.

Yours faithfully,

Open Rights Group

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