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Mr Daniel Woodward

By email to: request-1148581-94b46433@whatdotheyknow.com

8 August 2024

Dear Mr Woodward,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1519352

Thank you for your request dated 19 July 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.

You may wish, however, to consider contacting NHS England, as it may hold some of the information you have requested.

NHS England assumed responsibility for commissioning healthcare services in prisons in 2013. Before that, it was the responsibility of the then Department of Health (DH) but, any expenditure information held on such services was not separately identifiable. Full responsibility for budgets and administration of healthcare in prisons transferred to DH in 2006 as a result of the NHS Act 2006. The then HM Prison Service was responsible prior to this.

NHS England can be contacted via the following link: www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi.

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 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

From: Daniel Woodward <request-1148581-94b46433@whatdotheyknow.com>
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2024 11:15 AM
To: FreedomofInformation <freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk>
Subject: Freedom of Information request - Prison Healthcare Expenditure

Dear Department of Health and Social Care,

Could you please provide an annual breakdown of expenditure on healthcare services/provision in prisons in England between 2005 and 2023. If you such data is not available throughout this period, please provide it for the years for which that data is available.

Yours faithfully,

Daniel Woodward