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Mr Andy Wright

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18 March 2024

Dear Mr Wright,

**Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1499166**

Thank you for your request dated 1 March 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 some of the information you have requested.

In answer to part (b) of your request, DHSC was informed by NHS England on 8 November 2023 that RAAC was confirmed as present at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester.

We do not hold information as to when the trust was advised of this (part (a) of your request) and suggest that you may wish to approach Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust directly. Contact details for submitting a request under the FOIA to the trust are here: <https://www.hampshirehospitals.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-information>

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](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

From: Andy Wright <request-1095115-51d78783@whatdotheyknow.com>  
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2024 8:32 AM  
To: FreedomofInformation <freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk>  
Subject: Freedom of Information request - RAAC in Hospitals

Dear Department of Health and Social Care,

The latest transparency data management information published online (link below) shows that RAAC has been confirmed as present at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester. Can you please provide the date on which this was first confirmed to (a) Hampshire Hospitals Foundation Trust and (b) the Department of Health and Social Care?

[https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.co.uk%2Furl%3Fsa%3Dt%26rct%3Dj%26q%3D%26esrc%3Ds%26source%3Dweb%26cd%3D%26cad%3Drja%26uact%3D8%26ved%3D2ahUKEwj56\\_rp0dKEAxVrVUEAHXdrB-MQFnoECBIQAQ%26url%3Dhttps%253A%252F%252Fassets.publishing.service.gov.uk%252Fmedia%252F65df50cccf7eb16adff57f77%252Fhospital-sites-with-confirmed-raac-in-england-29-february-2024.csv%26usg%3DAOvVaw34xLtpGQIzCEuQm4X16BP%26opi%3D89978449&data=05%7C02%7Cdhmail%40dhsc.gov.uk%7Cbe7d5fdcdfa44fab0a1108dc39d7bc73%7C61278c3091a84c318c1fef4de8973a1c%7C1%7C0%7C638448845942315065%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=02q6AYoLo44IhIE4zKU6NQERRK2MTFLN9abfmaJUP3U%3D&reserved=0](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.co.uk%2Furl%3Fsa%3Dt%26rct%3Dj%26q%3D%26esrc%3Ds%26source%3Dweb%26cd%3D%26cad%3Drja%26uact%3D8%26ved%3D2ahUKEwj56_rp0dKEAxVrVUEAHXdrB-MQFnoECBIQAQ%26url%3Dhttps%253A%252F%252Fassets.publishing.service.gov.uk%252Fmedia%252F65df50cccf7eb16adff57f77%252Fhospital-sites-with-confirmed-raac-in-england-29-february-2024.csv%26usg%3DAOvVaw34xLtpGQIzCEuQm4X16BP%26opi%3D89978449&data=05%7C02%7Cdhmail%40dhsc.gov.uk%7Cbe7d5fdcdfa44fab0a1108dc39d7bc73%7C61278c3091a84c318c1fef4de8973a1c%7C1%7C0%7C638448845942315065%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=02q6AYoLo44IhIE4zKU6NQERRK2MTFLN9abfmaJUP3U%3D&reserved=0)

Yours faithfully,

Andy Wright