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{By Email}

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Dear Mr Rohan

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about IT and recruitment, which we received on 9 December 2016. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“I would like to know if the Agency currently uses an automated skills assessment tool when recruiting candidates for IT roles.

For example, to test the ability of a developer / programmer, would the hr department or hiring manager put candidates through an automated online skills assessment?

If so, please confirm which tool is used, when the contract is up for renewal and any fees involved please.”

The information that you have requested is not held by APHA. This is because we do not use any such software/skills assessment tool to aid our recruitment of IT specialists.

Please note APHA are an executive agency of Defra, and as such they manage all our IT resources.

I attach an annex giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service that you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the Access to Information Team at the email address below or postal address at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

Email: enquiries@apha.gsi.gov.uk

Annex

Complaints

If you are unhappy with the result of your request for information you may request an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this letter.

If you wish to request an internal review, please contact: The Access to Information Team at enquiries@apha.gsi.gov.uk or at the postal address at the top of this letter, who will arrange for an internal review of your case.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted APHA's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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