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Mr Edward Blaise

By email to: request-904558-5494d472@whatdotheyknow.com

21 October 2022

Dear Mr Blaise,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1420242

Thank you for your request dated 1 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).

1. The number of employees who while in theory are UK based, are able to work remotely from overseas by arrangement on either a part-time or full-time basis.

The answer to this is zero.

2. The above listed by country, rounded to the nearest 5.

As the answer above is zero, this will be not applicable.

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,

Freedom of Information Team
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Annex

"From: Edward Blaise <request-904558-5494d472@whatdotheyknow.com>

Sent: 01 October 2022 19:25

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

Subject: Freedom of Information request - Remote Work Overseas

Dear Department of Health and Social Care,

Please provide the following information:

- 1. The number of employees who while in theory are UK based, are able to work remotely from overseas by arrangement on either a part-time or full-time basis.*
- 2. The above listed by country, rounded to the nearest 5.*

To be clear, this does not mean any employees with foreign postings, foreign secondments/attachments or any other kind of specific foreign duty or those who work while travelling on official business/personal holiday but instead refers to those who would otherwise work for your department in the UK if not for specific arrangements made.

Yours faithfully,

Edward Blaise."