



## Department of Health & Social Care

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Dear Ms Series

### **Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1122599**

Thank you for your request dated 3 March 2018 in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

***“Freedom of Information request - Request for IMCA stat***

***Thank you for your response to my information request. I am sorry to trouble you further but I wondered if I could clarify whether this means that another body, such as NHS Digital, now collects data on IMCA referrals, or whether the IMCA data collection has ceased altogether? If the latter, I'd be grateful if you could confirm when the last data on IMCA referrals were collected.”***

This was a follow up to your request of 1 February 2018 to which we responded on 1 March (our reference FOI 1117849).

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

DHSC holds relevant information. The last IMCA report was produced in 2015 and covered the period 2013-14, at which point central IMCA data collection ceased.

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 submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the address at the top of this letter, or the email address at the end of this letter.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may complain directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) who may decide to investigate your concerns. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have already appealed our original response, and received our internal review response. The ICO will not usually investigate concerns where there has been an undue delay in bringing it to their attention. You should raise your concerns with them within three months of your last meaningful contact with us.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
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Yours sincerely,

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