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Dear Ms Carroll,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1267205

Thank you for your request dated 29 October, in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

"I am requesting the minutes of the meetings which took place between the DHSC the EIBSS prior to the announcement made 30/04/19 (01/10/18 - 29/04/19) that pertains with the issue of payments. To be specific how the decision was decided recorded at the meetings on the level of payments for beneficiaries how the tier system of payments was decided recorded at the meetings."

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

The DHSC does not hold the information you have requested. This is because DHSC and EIBSS did not discuss the issue of payments in any meetings between 01/10/18 and 29/04/19.

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 this letter and sent to FreedomOfInformation@dhsc.gov.uk, or to the address at the top of this letter.

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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.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely,

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