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Dear Mr Wood

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1083104

Thank you for your request dated 20 April 2017 in which you asked the Department of Health (DH):

"Please could you provide a summary of how many residential rehabilitation centres for addiction have been in operation in the UK from 2010, or from the earliest your records allow if 2010 records don't exist.

I would like to know many have closed over this period of time against how many are still in operation as of this year (or latest records).

Therefore, if the data could be provided on an excel spreadsheet separated by yearly basis that would be much appreciated.

If this data cannot be provided, please could you explain where I can obtain it?

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

The DH does not hold the information you requested. This is because we are not the appropriate authority to contact on this subject. You may wish to contact Public Health England who may hold information relevant to your request. Details on how to do so can be found at this address: FOI@phe.gov.uk

There may also be information available from NHS England. You can make an FOI request of them at: england.contactus@nhs.net

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 Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

https://ico.org.uk/concerns/

Yours sincerely,

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