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By email to: request-1148717-238b80e1@whatdotheyknow.com

15 August 2024

Dear E A Lee,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1519667

Thank you for your request dated 19 July, 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).

We have considered your request for information, but we are unable to answer it without further clarification. Section 1(3) of the FOIA does not oblige us to answer requests where we require further clarification to identify and locate the information requested.

So that we can provide you with the right information, we would be grateful if you could clarify the follow questions within your request:

Please clarify “other relevant key dates, including the exact data cutoff date” and also clarify “the date of ideation”.

If you are able to clarify this to us, then we may be able to continue to process your request. However, please be aware that we cannot guarantee at this stage that a clarified request will fall within the FOIA cost limit, or that other exemptions will not apply.

You may find it helpful to refer to the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) ‘For the public’ webpages. They include some advice for requesters on how to word requests to get the best result. They are aimed at the general public and provide guidance on how to use section 1 rights responsibly and effectively. Future requests are less likely to be refused if framed in accordance with these guidelines.

You can view the relevant section, ‘How should I word my request to get the best result?’, on the How to access information from a public body page of their website.

<https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/official-information>

Yours sincerely,

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Annex

-----Original Message-----

From: E A Lee <request-1148717-238b80e1@whatdotheyknow.com>

Sent: Friday, July 19, 2024 5:46 PM

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

Subject: Freedom of Information request - Review of suicides and gender dysphoria at the Tavistock: key dates

Dear Department of Health and Social Care,

Please acknowledge this request.

You published "Review of suicides and gender dysphoria at the Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust: independent report" on 19 July 2024.

Please provide the date when the review was commissioned and other relevant key dates, including the exact data cutoff date, the date of ideation, the date of your initial contact with Professor Appleby, the date NHSE/the Trust furnished the data, the completion dates for the preliminary (if any) and final reports, any planned deadlines or prompting for conclusion by the department. If there are other relevant milestones, please provide them for the public interest of full transparency in this very sensitive matter.

Yours,

E A Lee
