



# Department of Health & Social Care

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Dear Ms Hart,

## **Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1265136**

Thank you for your request dated 21 October, in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

*“Fol request: Please kindly provide your records of active guidance and regulations to NHS staff members working in hospitals who are living with someone who currently has the Covid-19 virus in relation to whether they are still expected to work while they can be potentially infected at any point by the person living with them.*

*Please note we're not asking for any information to be created.”*

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

I can confirm that DHSC does hold some information relevant to your request. However, as the information held by the Department is in the public domain we will, under Section 21 of the FOIA (information accessible to the applicant by other means), refer you to the published PHE [self-isolation guidance](#). Please note that there are no exceptions for NHS workers.

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](mailto:FreedomOfInformation@dhsc.gov.uk), or to the address at the top 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.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
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Yours sincerely,

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