



## Department of Health

16/04/2015

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Dear Mr Lyons,

Thank you for your request of 31 March 2015 under the Freedom of Information Act (2000). Your exact request was:

*"I would like to make a formal request for information on the number of people in the UK currently being treated for arthritis in their hands (such as rheumatoid arthritis or psoriatic arthritis) and also for the number of new cases like these diagnosed in 2014."*

The Department of Health does not hold the information you have requested. However, the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) may hold some data relevant to your request, and its contact details are provided below:

Website: <http://www.hscic.gov.uk/>

Email: [enquiries@hscic.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@hscic.gov.uk)

Telephone: 0300 303 5678

If you have any queries about this email, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Head of the Freedom of Information Team  
Department of Health  
Room G18  
Richmond House  
79 Whitehall,  
London  
SW1A 2NS

Email: [freedomofinformation@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@dh.gsi.gov.uk)

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Department. The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Danny Lamond

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