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Dear Ms Hart,

**Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1420218**

Thank you for your request dated 1 October 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).

I have considered your request for information but I am 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 I provide you with the right information, please can you provide some timescales for your request, as it is currently rather broad. Furthermore, although we can provide an answer with regard to medicines once we have received this information, can you please elaborate on what you mean by 'services and treatments'?

On receipt of this information, I will continue to process your request. 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.

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 sent to [freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk) or to the address at the top of this letter and be submitted within two months of the date 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.

Guidance on contacting the ICO can be found at <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us> and information about making a complaint can be found at <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint>.

Yours sincerely,

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**Annex**

*'Dear Department of Health and Social Care,*

*Subject to the parameters below please kindly provide the most up to date list of medicines, treatments and services that are no longer available on our NHS or let us know who may hold this information under Section 16. The discontinue date for each item would also be appreciated.*

*Parameters: ONLY items that were once available on the NHS*

*Thanks in advance.'*