



# Department of Health

15/07/2015

DE00000945825

Dear Ms Watts,

Thank you for your request of 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015 under the Freedom of Information Act (2000). Your exact request was:

*"Please could I have your help in bringing clarity to my former FOI request as soon as possible?  
I followed the link you provided but it created more queries than answers.*

- 1) Who at NHS England was responsible for the monitoring of drug trials in the UK in 1995?*
- 2) If not the NHS, which government department should have been responsible?"*

This was with reference to your earlier FOI request of 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015 (DE00000936912):

*"Since May 2014 I have been trying to find out who is responsible for monitoring drug trial data in the UK.*

*Following a year of challenging communications with the 1. The Parliamentary Health Service Ombudsman 2. Members of Parliament. 3. The Health Research Authority*

*It was confirmed yesterday that there does not seem to be any agency in the UK that is monitoring the set up, conduct and management of drug trials on humans.*

*If this is factually correct then there are serious issues of public health and safety here."*

I can confirm that the Department holds no information relevant to your request. As explained in our response to FOI 936912, the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), which is an Executive Agency of the Department of Health, regulates medicines and medical devices in the UK. This includes monitoring drug trial data. You may therefore like to visit the following web site, where you can find further information about the MHRA's work:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/medicines-and-healthcare-products-regulatory-agency/about>

You can also submit an FOI request to them using the contact details below:

Freedom of Information  
Customer Services  
151 Buckingham Palace Road  
London  
SW1W 9SZ  
Email [info@mhra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:info@mhra.gsi.gov.uk)

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 520  
Richmond House  
79 Whitehall  
London  
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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  
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Yours sincerely,

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