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Dear Mr Jones,

### Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1376944

Thank you for your request dated 1 December, in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

*"I attach DHSC document entitled "Fast Track Pathway Tool for NHS Continuing Healthcare" published December 2018. From your records, I would be grateful if you could arrange to provide me with the following information. Confirmation that the attached document - published December 2018 - is the latest version. If an updated version has been subsequently published I would be pleased to receive a copy. Given that the health service is a devolved function, does the document also apply to the devolved administrations in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. I look forward to your reply at your earliest convenience. Thank you."*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

DHSC holds information relevant to your request.

The NHS Continuing Healthcare Fast-track Pathway Tool is already in the public domain, in published form, and we are not obliged (under section 21 of the FOI Act) to provide this, but would refer you instead to the published source. The tool can be found at [NHS continuing healthcare fast-track pathway tool - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-continuing-healthcare-fast-track-pathway-tool). As per the National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare and NHS-funded Nursing Care (revised 2018), it applies to England only.

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.

The ICO can be contacted at:

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

Website: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns>

Yours sincerely,

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