

By email

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Our ref: IR-1637

2 December 2021

Dear Wynne Jones,

Re: Internal Review of Case ref: FOI-1536

I refer to your email of 4 November which is being treated as a request for an internal review of case reference FOI-1536, in relation to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your Request Case ref: FOI-1536

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) received your information request on the 16 October 2021.

Under the Act UKHSA had until the 12 November 2021 to respond to your request or the 9 December 2021, if it extended the time for compliance by an additional 20 working days to allow more time to consider the public interest in disclosing or withholding the information specified, and tell you when to expect a response.

Response Case ref: FOI-1536

UKHSA sent you its response on the 4 November and correctly confirmed it did hold the information you requested. In the application of exemption Section 40(2) – (Personal Information), UKHSA correctly carried out a public interest test by setting out the factors it considered for and against disclosing the information you specified and advised it was of the opinion the balancing exercise weighed in favour of non-disclosure of the information you requested.

Internal Review Decision

UKHSA has now conducted the internal review and concludes that UKSA sent you its response to your request for information within the statutory deadline.

UKHSA can confirm it, correctly, applied Section 40(2) – (Personal Information) to your request. UKHSA correctly set out the factors it considered for and against disclosing the information you specified. However, UKHSA acknowledges it should have advised you in its response of an alternative contact to send your information.

If you have information that you would like to share with our teams at UKHSA, you

can email <u>enquries@ukhsa.gov.uk</u>, including 'Immensa Review' in the email subject line.

UKHSA would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused as a result of its omission.

Please note that you have the right to an independent review by the Information Commissioner's Office if a complaint cannot be resolved through the UKHSA complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner's Office can be contacted by calling the ICO's helpline on 0303 123 1113, visiting the ICO's website at www.ico.org.uk or writing to the ICO at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely Information Rights Team