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Dear JJ Evans,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1131240

Thank you for your request dated 3 May, in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

"I write regarding the file series: HIM 5

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within HIM 5*
- b) The titles of those volumes*
- c) what time period those volumes cover*

**Where volumes may have been destroyed or are not available please provide detail of why/ review / destruction dates."*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Where more than one request is received for the same or similar information, section 5(2) of the FOI and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 allows public authorities to aggregate requests and respond to them together. I have therefore aggregated your requests, as listed in Annex A.

I can confirm that DHSC may hold information relevant to your requests. However, it is being withheld under Section 22, which states that public bodies are not obliged to disclose information that is intended for future publication.

Section 22 is a qualified exemption, and we are required to assess as objectively as possible whether the balance of public interest favours disclosing or withholding the information.

In general, there is a strong public interest in information being made as freely available as possible. However, as there is wider public interest in the files that have been created by DHSC in relation to blood policy, it is important that this information can be accessed simultaneously by the general public, rather than releasing information file series by file series.

As an assurance process is ongoing, early release of the requested information could be misrepresentative of the status of the files that we hold relating to blood policy. It is in the public interest that the assurance process is able to conclude before making this information available to the public, to ensure confidence and accuracy in the information disclosed.

Therefore, we consider that, on balance, the public interest is better served by withholding this information under section 22 of the FOIA at this time.

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 submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the address at the top of this letter, or the email address at the end of this letter.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may complain directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) who may decide to investigate your concerns. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have already appealed our original response, and received our internal review response. The ICO will not usually investigate concerns where there has been an undue delay in bringing it to their attention. You should raise your concerns with them within three months of your last meaningful contact with us.

The ICO can be contacted at:

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Charlene Carter
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Annex A

FOI-1131242

I write regarding the file series: HIM 21

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within HIM 21
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

*Where volumes may have been destroyed or are not available please provide detail of why/ review / destruction dates.

FOI-1131244

I write regarding the file series: HIM 20

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within HIM 20
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131247

I write regarding the file series: HIM 19

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within HIM 19
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131249

I write regarding the file series: HIM 18

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within HIM 18
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131250

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within HIM 17
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131251

I write regarding the file series: ACQ 16

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within ACQ 16
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131252

I write regarding the file series: GEB 16

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within GEB 16
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131253

I write regarding the file series: HIM 16

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within HIM 16
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131255

I write regarding the file series: HIM 15

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within HIM 15
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131388

I write regarding the file series: HIM 7

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within HIM 7
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131408

I write regarding the file series: HIM 9

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within HIM 9
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

*Where volumes may have been destroyed or are not available please provide detail of why/ review / destruction dates.

FOI-1131409

I write regarding the file series: HIM 8

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within HIM 8
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131410

I write regarding the file series: GEB 33

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within GEB 33
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131411

I write regarding the file series: ACQ 9

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within ACQ 9
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

*Where volumes may have been destroyed or are not available please provide detail of why/ review / destruction dates.

FOI-1131822

I write regarding the file series: BTS 5

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within BTS 5
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131824

I refer to information you provided in (Your Ref) FOI-1118059. This request is specifically in relation to the file volume GEB 1 VOL 1.

In your original response you state that This file was requested from storage and booked out to a member of staff but has not been returned to storage.

In this new FOI request I would please like to know:

- a) When was this file volume requested from storage?
- b) When was this file volume booked out to a member of staff?
- c) Has DHSC asked that member of staff to return the file, and if not, do you plan to do so?
- d) If DHSC has asked that member of staff to return the file, when did this happen and what was the outcome of that request?

FOI-1131825

I write regarding the file series: TCR 24

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within TCR 24
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

*Where volumes may have been destroyed or are not available please provide detail of why/ review / destruction dates.

FOI-1131827

I write regarding your file series BLA 1/9

Under FOI I would like to request:

- 1) A list (including Title) of all volumes that have ever existed in the BLA 1/9 Series.
- 2) The current status/location of those volumes.
- 3) If any volumes have been destroyed please provide review/destruction dockets.

FOI-1131828

I write regarding your file series BLJ 1

Under FOI I would like to request:

- 1) A list (including Title) of all volumes that have ever existed in the BLJ 1 Series.
- 2) The current status/location of those volumes.
- 3) If any volumes have been destroyed please provide review/destruction dockets.

FOI-1131829

I write regarding your file series BLA 3/3

Under FOI I would like to request:

- 1) A list (including Title) of all volumes that have ever existed in the BLA 3/3 Series.
- 2) The current status/location of those volumes.
- 3) If any volumes have been destroyed please provide review/destruction dockets.

FOI-1131831

I write regarding your file series BLA 3/8 Series of Files

Under FOI I would like to request:

- 1) A list (including Title) of all volumes that have ever existed in the BLA 3/8 Series.
- 2) The current status/location of those volumes.
- 3) If any volumes have been destroyed please provide review/destruction docket.

FOI-1131832

I write regarding your file series VIC 26

Under FOI I would like to request:

- 1) A list (including Title) of all volumes that have ever existed in the VIC 26 Series.
- 2) The current status/location of those volumes.
- 3) If any volumes have been destroyed please provide review/destruction docket.

FOI-1131835

I write regarding your file series BLK 2

Under FOI I would like to request:

- 1) A list (including Title) of all volumes that have ever existed in the BLK 2 Series.
- 2) The current status/location of those volumes.
- 3) If any volumes have been destroyed please provide review/destruction docket.

Yours faithfully,

FOI-1131838

I write regarding your file series BLK 1

Under FOI I would like to request:

- 1) A list (including Title) of all volumes that have ever existed in the BLK 1 Series.
- 2) The current status/location of those volumes.
- 3) If any volumes have been destroyed please provide review/destruction docket.

FOI-1131841

I write regarding your file series BLI 2

Under FOI I would like to request:

- 1) A list (including Title) of all volumes that have ever existed in the BLI 2 Series.
- 2) The current status/location of those volumes.
- 3) If any volumes have been destroyed please provide review/destruction docket.

FOI-1131842

I write regarding your file series BLI 1

Under FOI I would like to request:

- 1) A list (including Title) of all volumes that have ever existed in the BLI 1 Series.
- 2) The current status/location of those volumes.
- 3) If any volumes have been destroyed please provide review/destruction docket.

Yours faithfully,

FOI-1131844

I write regarding your file series BLH 6

Under FOI I would like to request:

- 1) A list (including Title) of all volumes that have ever existed in the BLH 6 Series.
- 2) The current status/location of those volumes.
- 3) If any volumes have been destroyed please provide review/destruction docket.

FOI-1131846

I write regarding the file series: BLO 3

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within BLO 3
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131848

I write regarding the file series: VI 3/8

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within VI 3/8
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131853

I write regarding the file series: BLL 1

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within BLL 1
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131854

I write regarding the file series: BLO 14

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within BLO 14
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131856

I write regarding the file series: HTS 3

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within HTS 3
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131859

I write regarding the file series: GEB 24

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within GEB 24
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131861

I write regarding the file series: HTS 1

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within HTS 1
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131863

I write regarding the file series: DIA 22

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within DIA 22
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131864

I write regarding the file series: BLH 7

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within BLH 7
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131867

I write regarding the file series: ACQ 6

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within ACQ 6
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131869

I write regarding the file series: ACQ 6

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within ACQ 6
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131871

I write regarding the file series: ACQ 7

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within ACQ 7
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131874

I write regarding the file series: LIE 15

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within LIE 15
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131877

I write regarding the file series: CBL 31

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within CBL 31
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

*Where volumes may have been destroyed or are not available please provide detail of why/ review / destruction dates.

FOI-1131880

I write regarding the file series: ACQ 11

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within ACQ 11
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

*Where volumes may have been destroyed or are not available please provide detail of why/ review / destruction dates.

FOI-1131884

I write regarding the file series: BLO 1

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within BLO 1
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

*Where volumes may have been destroyed or are not available please provide detail of why/ review / destruction dates.

FOI-1131886

I write regarding the file series: TCR 11

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within TCR 11
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131889

I write regarding the file series: INB 9

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within INB 9
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131892

I write regarding the file series: VI 9

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within VI 9
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131893

I write regarding the file series: INB 11

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within INB 11
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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FOI-1131894

I write regarding the file series: GEB 17

Under FOI I would like to know/be provided with:

- a) A list and Status of all volumes within GEB 17
- b) The titles of those volumes
- c) what time period those volumes cover

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