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**Your ref:**  
**Our ref:** RFI 5519  
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Dear

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: MCTIMONEY CHIROPRACTIC ASSOCIATION**

Thank you for your request for information about emails or letters between Defra and the McTimoney Chiropractic Association within specific periods, which we received on 26 May 2013. As you know, we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked for:

1. A copy of any communication by letter or email to DEFRA from the McTimoney Chiropractic Association or any other chiropractic organisation since 1 March 2013
2. A copy of any communication by letter or email to DEFRA from the McTimoney Chiropractic Association or any other chiropractic organisation since 1 January 2012.

The information you requested is as follows.

There have been no communications by either letter or email sent to Defra's Human Resources or Safety, Health & Welfare Team from the McTimoney Chiropractic Association or any other chiropractic organisation since 1 March 2013 or since 1 January 2012.

There have been no communications by letter or email sent to the central Defra address in London from the McTimoney Chiropractic Association since 1 March 2013 or since 1 January 2012. To search for communications from any other chiropractic organisation sent to the central Defra address would involve a significant cost and diversion of resources from the Department's other work as the names of the organizations to be searched for has not been provided.

Section 12(1) of the FOIA allows us to refuse a request for information if we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit, which currently stands at £600. On the basis of our estimates, we consider that the cost would exceed this limit and, as such, we are refusing this part of your request.



However, if you were to make a new request for a narrower category of information by specifying the names of the other chiropractic organisations, it may be that we could comply with that request within the appropriate limit, although I cannot guarantee that this will be the case.

Please note that if you modify your request, we will handle it as a new request and so the 20-working-day deadline for responding to requests would then commence from the date that we receive the modified request.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. Therefore, the information released to you may now be published on our website together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context.

I attach Annex A, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

I also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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## **Annex A**

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## **Annex B**

### **Complaints**

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 18 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Mike Kaye, Head of Information Standards, Area 4D, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR (email: [requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk)) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our [website](#).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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