

## **Information Released under Freedom of Information Act**

**Subject:** Request for a list of CIC companies in the Healthcare and Social Services sector

**Date Released:** 2 March 2016

**Summary of request:** The enquirer requested a list of CIC companies in the Healthcare and Social Services sector

### **Information Released**

You asked for a list of all CIC's (Community Interest Companies) in the healthcare and social services sector under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I have looked at the information you require but as it is already in the public domain I must refuse to disclose it to you. Under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 any information that is reasonably accessible to the applicant, albeit on payment of a fee, is exempt information under the Act.

However, to be of assistance I will explain how to obtain the information you require which is available via our website <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house>

Firstly, you will need to view the following link which is a list of all the Standard Industrial Classification Codes:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/standard-industrial-classification-of-economic-activities-sic>

These codes describe a company's business activity. I believe the codes you are interested in fall under section Q – Human Health and Social Work Activities. There are several codes under this particular category.

Companies House provides 'bulk company data' free of charge, the following is a direct link to this information: [http://download.companieshouse.gov.uk/en\\_output.html](http://download.companieshouse.gov.uk/en_output.html)  
(Also accessible from the 'Our Services' link on our Home page).

By downloading the 'Basic Company Data Product' you can filter/search the spreadsheet for CIC companies (in the Company Type column) and those CIC companies retrieved can be searched/filtered for the relevant SIC Codes. Please note that a company can have 4 SIC codes, therefore there are 4 SIC code columns in the spreadsheet.

Alternatively, we also have a DVD Directory which can be searched for company type and SIC code and a one off copy costs £30. For further information, please use the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house/about/about-our-services#dvd-products>