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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: FOI 0758-16

Thank you for your email of 9 August asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

I am writing to request information regarding the FCO's expenditure on Healix (in the last 12 months) and any and all related sub-contractors.

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested.

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request.

The total spend on medical invoices for staff and dependants overseas that have been processed through Healix for the Financial Year 2015/16 is £1,183,873 and for April-August 2016 is £351,475.

The cost of the Management Fee that is paid to Healix is exempt under Section 43 (2) of the Act, which relates to commercial interests. The use of this exemption was carefully considered. The factors in favour of disclosure of this information, including the general public interest and greater transparency and accountability, were carefully weighed against the need to allow business-people and commercial organisations the space to conduct their lawful business competitively and without fear of disclosure of sensitive commercial information. We consider that this transparency also poses risks to the protection of commercially confidential information. In this case after such consideration we believe that the public interest in withholding the redacted information outweighs the public interest in its release.

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Yours sincerely,

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