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Request

You asked us for the email address for The Medic Care Surgery at Sittingbourne Cottage Hospital, Sittingbourne, Kent.

We received your request on 20 December.

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOIA).

Our response

We do hold some information within the scope of your request. We do not hold a general email address for The Medic Care Surgery but do hold the work email address of a member of staff which was provided to the ICO as a contact point for matters connected to their entry on the register of data protection fee payers.

This information is withheld as it is the personal data of a third party and we don't have consent to disclose it, and consider it to be unlawful to do so in the circumstances.

FOIA section 40(2)

We have withheld the information that you have requested because it is the personal data of a third party.

Section 40(2) of the FOIA exempts information if it is personal data belonging to an individual other than the requester and it satisfies one of the conditions listed in the legislation.

We find that the condition at section 40(3A)(a) applies in this instance: that disclosure would breach one of the data protection principles. The principles are outlined in the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) with the relevant

principle on this occasion being the first principle as provided by Article 5(1): that personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner.

We do not consider that disclosing this information into the public domain is necessary or justified. There is no strong legitimate interest that would override the prejudice to the rights and freedoms of the relevant data subjects. We have therefore taken the decision that disclosing this information would be unlawful, triggering the exemption at section 40(2) of the FOIA.

This concludes our response.

Next steps

You can ask us to review our response. Please let us know in writing if you want us to carry out a review. Please do so within 40 working days.

You can read a copy of our full [review procedure](#) on our website.

If we perform a review but you are still dissatisfied, you can complain to the ICO as regulator of the FOIA. This complaint will be handled just like a complaint made to the ICO about any other public authority.

You can [raise a complaint](#) through our website.

Your information

Our [privacy notice](#) explains what we do with the personal data you provide to us, and sets out [your rights](#). Our [Retention and Disposal Policy](#) details how long we keep information.

Yours sincerely

