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Dear DHSC,

By this letter I make requests of you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("FOIA") for information relating to and arising out of Exercise Alice as further set out below.

Freedom of Information requests

Request 1: For each of the 12 actions identified in Appendix A of the Alice Report, please provide: (a) whether the Action was completed, (b) the title and date (month/year) of the document(s) which were directly produced as a result of that Action, (c) whether you hold copies of those documents.

Request 2: If you hold the relevant documents outlined in Request 1, then please disclose them.

Request 3: Please confirm if the Chief Medical Officer or her office communicated the findings of Exercise Alice to government ministers.

Request 4: If the answer to Question 3 is in the affirmative, then please disclose any document (including reports, spreadsheets or emails) provided to ministers between 15th February 2016 and 31st December 2019 by the Chief Medical Officer or her office.

Please consider each request and its sub-parts on its own merits and consider each one separately. If you find that any request falls under section 12 or any other exemption or requires clarification then please provide advice for that individual request as per section 16 of the FOIA and the section 45 of the ICO Code of Practice, without delaying your response to my other Freedom of Information requests. Insofar as you consider that any of these requests trigger section 12, please prioritise them in the order in which they are stated (i.e. First Request then Second Request and so on).

Yours faithfully,
Dr Moosa Qureshi