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**To:**  
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**Subject:** 17 01 22 Freedom of Information request - Contacts with tobacco industry  
**Date:** 22 February 2023 09:49:08

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Dear

Thank you for your email, in which you formally request information in regards to connections between Estyn and the tobacco industry.

When dealing with requests for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the 'Act'), Estyn's obligations include:-

1. Confirming or denying whether it holds information of the description specified in the request; and
2. Communicating the information requested to the applicant.

There are a number of exemptions under the Act that impact these obligations. Estyn is required to consider whether an exemption applies in the context of the information being released into the public domain, not just in the context of the information being released to the particular applicant that has requested the information.

If Estyn releases information in response to a Freedom of Information request, this is essentially a decision that the information can be released in response to any similar request from any member of the public.

In response to your request, I can confirm that Estyn and its staff have no connections or contact with tobacco organisations. We are the Education Inspectorate for Wales.

If you are not satisfied with the decision Estyn has taken regarding your request for information, you are entitled to request that we review the matter. Your request for a review should be addressed to the Feedback and Complaints Manager, and received no later than 20 working days after the date of this communication.

If you are still not satisfied, you also have a right to complain to the Information Commissioner through their website:

<https://ico.org.uk/about-the-ico/who-we-are/wales-office/>

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 20 February 2023 13:15

To: Enquiries <Enquiries@estyn.gov.uk>

Subject: Freedom of Information request - Contacts with tobacco industry

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Dear colleagues,

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please provide a list of any and all contact your organisation and/or staff have had with British American Tobacco, Imperial Brands, Japan Tobacco International, Philip Morris International, as well as any other domestic or transnational tobacco companies or anyone representing the tobacco industry including subsidiaries of tobacco industry.

I would like this information for the period from 1 April 2021 to 20 February 2023.

Contact would primarily include attending or arranging meetings or functions, and responding to correspondence or phone calls.

Please break down the information by:

- Tobacco company or representative's name
- Date of contact(s)
- Type of contact (meeting, email, letter, phone call, text/app message or video call, e-card or any other form of electronic communication)
- Place of contact, if relevant
- Purpose of contact
- Outcome of contact, including if no action taken

I request that the information be provided electronically. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for and discuss the request, my details are outlined below.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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