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Dear Mr Stolton,

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/4112

We refer to your e-mail of 7 July 2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same date under the above-mentioned reference number.

You request access to:

“- Any communication between hospitals or health authorities in the European Union and DG SANTE, since the start of the year (January 1st 2020). This could include but is not limited to, e-mails, text messages, basis documents, memos or drafts.

- Any documentation transmitted between EU member states and DG SANTE since the start of the year (January 1st 2020), detailing information on national cyber attacks, cyber threats, weaknesses of cybersecurity systems, across EU health bodies or hospitals.

- Any notification communicated from any public body within the EU to DG SANTE, concerning cyberattacks to hospitals or health authorities in the EU, and any follow up communication between the DG SANTE and the specific body in such cases.

This request extends to any information that the DG SANTE holds in relation any of the above points, including information that may have been deemed short-lived or unimportant.”

We would like to invite you, in accordance with Article 6(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to documents, to provide us with more detailed information on the documents you request, and in particular to clarify if the first point of your request (“[a]ny communication between hospitals or health authorities in the

European Union and DG SANTE, since the start of the year (January 1st 2020). This could include but is not limited to, e-mails, text messages, basis documents, memos or drafts”) should be interpreted as being limited to communications and information on cyberattacks to hospitals or EU health bodies.

In addition, we invite you to provide us with references and/or indications about the dates or periods during which the documents would have been drawn up and/or persons or bodies who would have drafted the documents etc.

If you need assistance in clarifying or specifying your application, you can contact us by email at the following address: SANTE-ACCESS-TO-DOCUMENTS@ec.europa.eu.

In accordance with the third paragraph of Article 2 of the Detailed rules for the application of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the deadline of 15 working days for handling your application will start running when we receive the requested clarifications.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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