



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

Brussels,  
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Dear Sir,

**Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2020/3665**

We refer to your e-mail of 16 June 2020 in which you make a request for access to documents, registered on the same date under the above-mentioned reference number.

**1. Scope of your request**

Under the right of access to documents in the EU treaties, as developed in Regulation 1049/2001, you request documents which contain the following information:

- minutes and other reports of meetings between the European Commission and companies providing long-term care services for elderly (including Oprea, Korian, Colisée, Domus'Vi, Amavir, Vitalia Home, Clece, Senior Living Group, Armonea HC-One, Four Seasons, Barchester, Bupa and Care UK) as well as organisations representing these companies (including the European Confederation of Care Home Organisations (ECHO), the European Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing (EAHSA), the European Association for Directors and Providers of Long-Term Care Services for the Elderly (EDE), and the European Ageing Network.), between June 1st 2017 and today.
- all correspondence (including emails) between the European Commission and companies providing long-term care services for elderly (including Oprea, Korian, Colisée, Domus'Vi, Amavir, Vitalia Home, Clece, Senior Living Group, Armonea HC-One, Four Seasons, Barchester, Bupa and Care UK) as well as organisations representing these companies (including the European Confederation of Care Home Organisations (ECHO), the European Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing (EAHSA), the European Association for Directors and Providers of Long-Term Care Services for the Elderly (EDE), and

***By registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt<sup>1</sup>***

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the European Ageing Network), between the request covers the period between June 1st 2017 and today<sup>1</sup>.

We consider your request to cover documents held up to the date of your initial application, i.e. 16 June 2020.

Please note that you have submitted similar requests to other Directorate-General. This reply relates only to the documents held by the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE). You will receive the replies from the other respective Directorates-General in due course. We would also like to inform you that 'long-term care' is dealt by the Directorate-General for Employment, Social affairs & Inclusion.

## **2. No documents held**

We regret to inform you that DG SANTE does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your application.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that no such documents, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by the Commission, the Commission is not in a position to fulfil your request.

## **3. Means of redress**

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter to the Secretariat-General of the Commission at the following address:

European Commission  
Secretariat-General  
Transparency, Document Management & Access to Documents (SG.C.1)  
BERL 7/076  
B-1049 Brussels  
or by email to: [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)

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<sup>1</sup> In your initial request, you indicated 'between December 2014 and today'. In a subsequent email, you clarified the temporal scope to 'between June 1st 2017 and today'.