

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

1. Legal contract or legal legislation which shows what Basildon STARS Drug and Alcohol Unit are legally commissioned and able to prescribe for substitute medication for opioid withdrawal.
[We are commissioned by Essex County Council, and we do hold a contract in relation to the Basildon STARS Drug and Alcohol Unit. However, because this is commercially sensitive and cannot be disclosed, it is exempt under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act. It also does not specify what we should or should not do, as that would be an almost endless document due to the varying cases the clinic see.](#)
 2. I would also like to see where it shows that they are only allowed to prescribe substitute medication for heroin users only.
[Please see response to question 1.](#)
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