

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Our Ref: MGLA110321-8033

9 April 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 11 March 2021. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

I would like to see a copy of the report, 'Living with the Virus - a scrutiny of HIV Services in London' produced by the GLA in March 2004.

Furthermore, the written evidence to the Health Committee for this scrutiny report is not accessible. I would like to see the written evidence.

I understand that the report makes reference to a draft London HIV Strategy please release a copy of this document under FOI.

Our response is below:

We have conducted searches and located some information within scope of your request.

'Living with the virus - A Scrutiny of HIV Services in London' March 2004

The 2004 report "Living with the Virus" can be found [here](#) (full link at end of letter)

You may also be interested in some information related to the London Assembly's Health & Public Services Committee work in 2004 [here](#) (full link at end of letter).

It includes a report to the Health & Public Services Committee on 9 November 2004
Subject: HIV Scrutiny – Summary of Responses (the document can be found on the [agenda](#) page, under item 6)

Evidence

Some further publicly available information has been located that may fall in scope of your request:

- Pan London HIV/AIDS Providers Consortium HIV/AIDS in London – GLA Scrutiny, A [Response](#) from HIV Voluntary Sector Providers (full link at end of letter)

- London Assembly's Health Committee's Scrutiny of HIV/AIDs in London - [Response](#) from NHS Organisations in London including the London HIV Consortium and London Specialised Commissioning Group (full link at end of letter)

Appendix B on page 34 of the 'Living with the virus report' lists written submissions and we have located a number of documents that may constitute submissions of evidence to the Scrutiny Committee. However, the GLA would need to consult the senders before we are able to consider releasing these documents [subject to redacting personal data and any information where exemptions may apply]. Given the age of our records we may struggle to find the relevant contacts in some cases, so if there is a particular organisation/s you are interested in, please tell us the name/s so that we can focus our searches and provide a quicker response.

Draft London HIV Strategy

We have conducted searches and we have been unable to locate a copy of a draft London HIV Strategy from that time, though it is possible the GLA may have held information in scope in the past. The records retention schedule within the GLA's [records management policy](#) advises that *"GLA records should be retained for the duration of the Mayoral Term in which they were created (i.e. the current Mayoral Term) and for the duration of the subsequent Mayoral Term"*

If you have trouble with any of the links, please let us know and if you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA110321-8033.

Yours sincerely

Information Governance Officer

If you are unhappy with the way the GLA has handled your request, you may complain using the GLA's FOI complaints and internal review procedure, available at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>

Full web links below for reference

'Living with the virus - A Scrutiny of HIV Services in London' March 2004

https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_migrate_files_destination/archives/assembly-reports-health-hiv_report.pdf

London Assembly's Health & Public Services Committee work in 2004:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/londonassembly/meetings/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=148&Year=-1>

Meeting of 9 November 2004

<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/londonassembly/meetings/CeListDocuments.aspx?MID=3441&F=SubIndex%24embed%24Agenda.htm&DF=09%2f11%2f2004&A=1&R=0>

Item 6 Summary of responses

<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/londonassembly/meetings/Data/Health%20and%20Public%20Services%20Committee/20041109/Agenda/6%20HIV%20Scrutiny%20PDF.pdf>

Response from HIV Voluntary Sector Providers

<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/londonassembly/meetings/Data/Health%20Committee/20031104/Agenda/4%20Appendix%20A%20PDF.pdf>

Response from NHS organisations

<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/londonassembly/meetings/Data/Health%20Committee/20031104/Agenda/4%20Appendix%20B%20PDF.pdf>

Records management policy

https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/records_management_policy_v3.3.pdf