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Dear Mr Walker

**FOI Reference No : FOI-20094/4536**

Thank you for your email dated and received by my office on the 06 Oct 2009. You have requested the following information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

In November 2008 the membership list of the British National Party (BNP) was published online. On September 1, 2009 a disgruntled former official Matt Single was convicted in relation to this for offences under the Data Protection Act.

I refer to Schedule 1 of The Data Protection Principles.

Under Schedule 1, any use of 'sensitive personal data' must be processed

only when at least one of the conditions in Schedule 2 is met, and at

least one of the conditions in Schedule 3 is also met.

1. Please tell me if West Yorkshire Police has processed any data relating to the leaked British National Party membership list.

2. Please tell me which of the conditions in Schedule 2 and Schedule 3

were met when processing sensitive personal data?

3. Has sensitive personal data been used for any purposes other than

comparing against the West Yorkshire Police personnel database?

4. Who was responsible for the decision to compare sensitive personnel

data against West Yorkshire Police's personnel data?

5. What were the grounds for such a decision?

6. I request the minutes of any meeting held to come to such a decision.

7. Please describe the process used in making such a decision and whether the consequences of this decision, if any, were assessed.

Your request will now be considered and you will receive a response within the statutory timescale of 20 working days as defined by the Act, subject to the information not being exempt or containing a reference to a third party. In some circumstances West Yorkshire Police may be unable to achieve this deadline. If this is likely you will be informed and given a revised time-scale at the earliest opportunity.

In exceptional circumstances, there may be a fee payable for the retrieval, collation and provision of the information you have requested. If this is the case you will be informed and the 20 working day timescale will be suspended until we receive payment from you. If you chose not to make a payment

then your request will remain unanswered.

**Yours sincerely**

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The information supplied in connection with this application will be used for the purpose of the administering of this request and to ensure the accuracy of Police systems.