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Dear Mr Jones

**Further to your earlier requests for information regarding North Staffordshire Regeneration Partnership Audits dated 11 January, 2010 :**

In Question c) of your request of 11 January, 2010 you wrote: "Could I be provided with a copy of the report following the revisit this month?"

I am writing to confirm that the Agency holds information relevant to your request and having considered your request we are now able to release an executive summary of the KPMG report, which is attached. We have redacted a small amount of information. Because of the restricted scale of the third parties involved we believe that release of the redacted information could result in the identification of specific individuals and would contravene the requirements of both Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act (where disclosure of the information requested is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of a third party supplying goods, services or information.) and Section 40.2 of the Data Protection Act. (contravening Data Protection Principle 1 – the obligation to process personal data fairly and lawfully.)

Please refer to the attached report for an executive summary of "The Procurement And Staff Recruitment Follow Up Review – North Staffordshire Regeneration Partnership (NSRP)"

**Please note the following statement in regard to the release of the executive summary described above:**

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the Information Commissioner (Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, telephone: 01625 545700, fax: 01625 524510).

Yours sincerely

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