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Dear Mr Leaton,

Freedom of Information request (our ref. 14091): internal review

Thank you for your e-mail of 30 April 2010, in which you asked for an internal review of our response to your Freedom of Information (Fol) request about NHS numbers and birth registration.

I have now completed the review. I have examined all the relevant papers and have consulted the policy unit which provided the original response. I have considered whether the correct procedures were followed and assessed the reasons why information was withheld from you. I confirm that I was not involved in the initial handling of your request.

My findings are set out in the attached report. My main conclusion is that the original response was substantively correct, although we were at fault in not responding within 20 working days and could have provided more advice and assistance to you.

This completes the internal review process by the Home Office. If you remain dissatisfied with the response to your Fol request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely

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