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Dear Mr Hart

**Freedom of Information request reference: 51036**

Thank you for your email of 12 November in which you request information about a Home Office circular sent to police forces in 2008 in relation to child sexual exploitation. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

As the issuing authority, the Home Office holds information about circulars the department issued in 2008. We have not been able to identify any circular which includes the statement in your request. However, we believe information about Home Office issued circulars in 2008 is already reasonably accessible to you. It can be found at <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20130125102358/http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/about-us/corporate-publications-strategy/home-office-circulars/circulars-2008/>.

Section 21(1) of the FOIA exempts the Home Office from having to provide you with this information, because it is already reasonably accessible to you. If you have any difficulties in accessing this information at the source which I have indicated, please contact me again.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to [foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk), quoting reference 51036. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request would be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you

were to remain dissatisfied after an internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the FOIA.

Yours sincerely,

**Tackling Exploitation and Abuse Unit**