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Dear Ms Fox

Freedom of Information Request - RF120161616

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) received on 5th September 2016, seeking the following information:

1. What procedures re transport companies were in place throughout the time Niven and his companies were used. To clarify this is in terms of child protection. 2. NSPCC have/are advising BBC on child protection - What have they advised? Please send any reports. 3. BBC to take lead on child abuse as a programme maker - programmes have been made or are in the pipeline about child abuse?

Question 1

Under section 1(1) of the Act, we can confirm that the BBC does not hold this information.

Question 2

The information can be found in the Good Corporations Review of Policies and procedures and the BBC's Response to the Dame Janet Smith Review at the following locations:

Good Corporation Review:

http://downloads.bbc.co.uk/aboutthebbc/insidethebbc/reports/pdf/bbc_goodreport_review_december_2016.pdf

Response to Dame Janet Smith Review:

http://downloads.bbc.co.uk/aboutthebbc/insidethebbc/reports/pdf/bbc_djs_review_report_december_2016.pdf

Question 3

In response to your final question this falls out of scope of the Freedom of Information Act. The information you have requested is excluded from the Act because it is held for the purposes of 'journalism, art or literature.' The BBC is therefore not obliged to provide this information to you and will not be

doing so on this occasion. Part VI of Schedule 1 to FOIA provides that information held by the BBC and the other public service broadcasters is only covered by the Act if it is held for ‘purposes *other* than those of journalism, art or literature’. The BBC is not required to supply information held for the purposes of creating the BBC’s output or information that supports and is closely associated with these creative activities.¹

Please accept our apologies for the delay providing this response to you.

Appeal Rights

If you are not satisfied that we have complied with the Act in responding to your request, you have the right to an internal review by a BBC senior manager or legal adviser. Please contact us at the address above, explaining what you would like us to review and including your reference number. If you are not satisfied with the internal review, you can appeal to the Information Commissioner. The contact details are: Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 (national rate) or see <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

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¹ For more information about how the Act applies to the BBC please see the enclosure which follows this letter. Please note that this guidance is not intended to be a comprehensive legal interpretation of how the Act applies to the BBC.

