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Dear M M Simmons

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your further email of 6 May, in which you asked for information regarding errors on adoption certificates.

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

4. With recorded information, how many times in the last 12 months has it come to the general registry office's attention that an error was made on an adoption order where a child's name details (concerning their name either in part or full) and who could be traced on the said register for England & Wales, then can i ask the same where ones could not be traced if the latter is applicable.

You refined your request on the 6 of May.

To refine my request, i would like to request under the Freedom Of Information Act 2000 and with recorded information the following-can I request that I receive information as already described (at question 4) over the last eleven weeks.

The General Register Office (GRO), which is part of Her Majesty's Passport Office (HM Passport Office), holds the information requested on orders relating to amendments to the Adopted Children's Register.

This information is, however, exempt from disclosure under the Data Protection Act 1998 as it could potentially be used to identify personal data related to an individual. Although there were over 1500 records searched, as there were less than five records identified as containing the information requested we are unable to disclose this information.

HM Passport Office has obligations under the Data Protection Act and in law generally to protect personal data. We have concluded that the information you have requested would be exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the FOI Act, because of the condition at section 40(3)(a)(i). This exempts personal data if disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles in Schedule 1 to the Data Protection Act.

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 the address below, quoting reference FOICR 43857/17. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act

Yours sincerely

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