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Dear Ms. Persson

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am pleased to provide some of the information you have requested. Information about individuals referred to and supported by the Prevent Programme are published here:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/individuals-referred-to-and-supported-through-the-prevent-programme-april-2015-to-march-2016>

I can confirm that the remainder of the information you have requested is held by Brent Council, by law. However, I'm unable to give this to you.

The information is exempt from disclosure under Section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Disclosure of the information poses a threat to the interests of national security; the information is being withheld in order to safeguard national security.

To use this exemption we are required to undertake a public interest test. The matters which were considered in applying the public interest test are as follows:

#### **Factors in favour of disclosure**

general public interest in openness and transparency in local government (public trust; informing public debate)  
\* enhance openness (help the public understand the threat to security posed by extremism)  
\* assurance that the Government's counter-extremism and counter-terrorism strategies are robust and appropriate

#### **Factors in favour of withholding**

Disclosure of information relating to activity would open up detailed information about how Prevent resource is apportioned and potentially the identity of areas of priority and show where capabilities are focused. This may impact negatively on the delivery of Prevent, and on the range of activities deployed to prevent terrorism. This includes activity to disrupt those who promote terrorism, and protect individuals who are vulnerable to recruitment, or who have already been recruited by extremists.

It is considered that the greater public interest therefore lies in not providing the information at this time. In coming to that conclusion, the public interest in providing the information has been carefully weighed against any prejudice to the public interest that might arise from withholding the information; in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

This response therefore acts as a refusal notice under section 17 of the FOIA

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:  
The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.  
Phone: 0303 123 1113  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

Anne Kittappa