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Dear Ms Downs.

I refer to your request for an internal review which was received on 09 May 2019. You requested:

I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Education's handling of my FOI request 'Unsatisfied charge relating to Isle of Portland Aldridge Community Academy Trust' (IPACA).

I am not convinced the DfE does not have information about charges in favour of the Secretary of State for Education or that the DfE doesn't keep a record of any consideration given when charges are satisfied or partially satisfied.

Company House documentation relating to the charge says any payment should be sent to 'the credit of such account as the Lender [the Secretary of State for Education] may designate'. The Statement of Satisfaction in Part or in Full relating to IPACA was submitted by a solicitor acting for the 'Chargor', that is the person granting the charge (ie the SoS).

I am, therefore, requesting an internal review.

The department has now completed its internal review process and has carried out a thorough review of the case, chaired by a senior officer who was not involved with the original request. The department has concluded that the FOI request had been handled correctly and the information requested is not held.

If you are unhappy with this decision, you have the right to appeal directly to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Case Reception Unit
Customer Service Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House

Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Further information about the Information Commissioner's complaints procedure can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office website: <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-freedom-of-information/complaints/>

Yours sincerely

A small, faint, handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Foley', is positioned below the 'Yours sincerely' text.

Mark Foley
Deputy Director, ESFA Academies Operational Delivery