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Sent via email - request-606870-e65710f7@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Ms Downs,

### Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) ("the Act"), which we received on 24 September 2019. You requested:

*"On 23 September, BBC Inside Out (Yorkshire and Lincolnshire) revealed that the DfE paid £200k to Deloitte for winding up WCAT.*

*I should be grateful if you could let me know how much the DfE has spent on winding up academy trusts. This should include names of each trust, the amount spent and the firm paid to wind up each trust."*

I have dealt with your request under the Act.

We have undertaken a thorough search and the Wakefield City Academies Trust is the only case we have identified from our records where a company has been engaged to assist with the liquidation of a trust's assets upon closure.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request, you should make a complaint to the Department by writing to us within two calendar months of the date of this letter, quoting reference 2019-0034206. An independent review panel, who were not involved in the original consideration of your request, will consider your complaint.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint to the Department, you may then contact the Information Commissioner's Office.

Yours sincerely,

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