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Dear Nicholas Stoker,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 25th January. You wrote:

"I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Work and Pensions's handling of my FOI request 'DWP Deputy Director (Principal Private Secretary)'.

I appear,not to have received the pack as referred in your response.

A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address: https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/dwp_deputy_director_principal_pr"

DWP Response

In response to your internal review request, we can confirm that the handling of your original request and response has now been appropriately reviewed by someone unconnected with the handling of your original request.

As a result of this review we can advise that the original response was partly correct. Your complaint is therefore partially upheld. The reason for this is as follows. Although we provided

you with the response, the documents regarding the approval of the vacancy and sign off from the responsible Senior Civil Servant the original advert was omitted.

Please see attached the relevant candidate pack for the original advert. Reference: 245110

We are unable to provide you with some the information requested in the candidate pack as it constitutes personal data of someone other than yourself and as such, it is being withheld in accordance with section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 40(2) exempts information in response to a request if it is personal data belonging to an individual other than the requester and it satisfies one of the conditions listed in the legislation. In this case the condition contained in section 40(3A)(a) applies - that disclosure would breach one of the data protection principles, specifically that "Personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner...".

We do not consider that disclosing this information is necessary or justified in order to satisfy your information request and the requirements of the FoI Act. In relation to this request, we consider that there is no strong legitimate interest that would override the prejudice to the rights and freedoms of the data subject.

Personal data are subject to General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team
Department for Work and Pensions

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Website: [ICO FOI and EIR complaints](#) or telephone 0303 123 1113.