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Dear MKH

Freedom of Information Request – Interim Response

Thank you for your recent request for information, received 15 February 2017, made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). You requested the following:

- *Can you please send me 10 O Level and 10 A Level Biology papers and 10 O level and 10 A Level Chemistry papers from between 1970-1980?*
- *Can you please send me 10 O-level and 10 A Level Biology and 10 O level and A level Chemistry papers from 1980-1990.*
- *Can you please send me any AQA and/or OCR A level Biology and Chemistry papers you have from 1990-2000?*

Under the Act, public authorities have two duties to individuals requesting information: firstly, to confirm whether or not they hold the information requested, and secondly to provide a copy of that information unless one or more of the exemptions under the Act apply.

I can confirm that we do not hold the information requested on site. I have requested files from our archives but this is taking more time than expected and so we will not be able to fully respond within the expected timescale. This type of document is not something which Ofqual would normally retain and any we may have are likely to be legacy documents from our predecessors QCA/QCDA.

To assist you in your request it may be more fruitful to contact the Awarding Organisations involved in General Qualifications (GCSEs and A Levels) as they should have the records you are seeking. For ease, I have listed their web addresses and contact email address below.

AQA: www.aqa.org.uk/contact-us

yourfeedback@aqa.org.uk

OCR: www.ocr.org.uk/contact-us/

general.qualifications@ocr.org.uk

Pearson: <https://uk.pearson.com/contact-us.html>

enquiries@pearson.com

WJEC: <http://www.wjec.co.uk/about-us/contact-us/>

info@wjec.co.uk

As stated, I will continue to search our archives as soon as I get access to them and will endeavour to send you any relevant documents corresponding to your request as soon as I have identified them. I hope to be able to provide a substantive answer to you by 7 April 2017. If I am unable to meet this target for any reason, I will endeavour to update you as soon as I can.

Internal Review

If you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to request an internal review. You can request an internal review by contacting:

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If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner. Complaints to the Information Commissioner should be sent to:

FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Yours sincerely

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