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Dear Ms Brunt

**Freedom of Information request reference: 52146**

Thank you for your email of 22 March, in which you ask for further advice on how to refine your Freedom of Information request of 30 January for information about whether:

*'the Home Office, its employees or contractors ever supported individuals or organisations to make or help facilitate people to make criminal accusations, in order to discredit genuine victims of similar crimes and/or to try and influence genuine victims not to pursue justice via the criminal justice system (i.e. to try and modify genuine victims behaviour) if they consider seeking justice for crimes committed against them, specifically in respect of the recent Westminster VIP abuse scandal and the recent Hampstead Ritualistic abuse scandal that occurred in Camden.'*

In response to your first FOI request on this topic (reference: 51708), we outlined some ways in which you might refine your request, including by specifying the time period of your request and/or specifying a category of interest. As we explained in our response to the above request, however, the nature of your request has remained too broad and we do not consider that we comply with it at a cost below the £600 limit. Beyond what we have already advised, I am afraid that we are unable to suggest any further refinement to your request which may bring it within the cost limit.

However, please allow me to emphasise again that we have no reason to believe that the Home Office holds any information within the scope of your request.

As we stated in our response, if you are dissatisfied with it you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to [foirequests@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foirequests@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk), quoting reference **52146** and explaining why you are dissatisfied.

As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request would be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you were to remain dissatisfied after an internal review, you would have a right of complaint to

the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely

**Tackling Exploitation & Abuse Unit**