

RE: Mr M Larter: Internal review on the decision by Aylsham Learning Federation that your request under the FOI Act by is vexatious

I refer to your request for review of the decision by Aylsham Learning Federation.

On 2 April 2021 you requested information from the Learning Federation under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act). By its email dated 27 April 2021 the Learning Federation refused to provide you the information you requested, holding that your request on that occasion was vexatious. The Learning Federation outlined the reasons as to why it had arrived at the conclusion that your request was vexatious.

I have carefully reviewed the decision of the Learning Federation and the reasons for its conclusion. I have weighed that decision and the accompanying reasons against your fundamental right to access to information and to be given that information under the FOI Act.

I must note that your right to be given information under the FOI Act is a fundamental right and therefore declining to give information must not be lightly made.

I have balanced the reasons given by the Learning Federation for refusing to provide the requested information against your rights to access to public information. On this occasion I am satisfied with the conclusion and the reasoning of the Learning Federation in declining to give you the information under the FOI Act. In particular, and for reasons given by the Learning Federation, I uphold its determination that your request for information dated 2 April 2021 constituted a vexatious request within the meaning of the FOI Act. For reasons given by the Learning Federation and on account of the vexatiousness of your requests, the public interest in not providing you with the information outweighed any right that you may have had to the information.

Right To Complain

If You are unhappy with my conclusion in upholding the Learning Federation's refusal, you have a right to appeal or complain to the Information Commissioner whose are contact details are below;

<https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

Mike Downes
Vice Chair of Governors ALF

Date of Internal review request 4 May 2021
Deadline for expected review completion 7 June 2021