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Mr Steven Mckinney

By email to: request-311020-ec687dad@whatdotheyknow.com

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Dear Mr Mckinney

Freedom of Information request – RFI20160163

Thank you for your request to the BBC of 15th January 2016, seeking the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act"):

"You host a website at <http://www.bbc.com/britain> which is open to all except those in the UK....could you supply me with a copy of all the information on that website that is blocked to people in Britain? Can you please also detail why it is not accessible to people in Britain?"

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The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF; telephone 01625 545745 or 0303 123 1113; or visit www.ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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