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Dear David

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Thank you for your request, which was received on 27 June, for the following information:

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Dear HM Revenue and Customs,

Please let me know if you administer Trusts from a birth certificate.

How / why do you use the National Insurance Number."

Our response

To qualify as a valid submission under the FOIA, a request must fulfil the criteria set out in [Section 8](#) of the Act, which states the following:

"Request for information

- (1) In this Act any reference to a 'request for information' is a reference to such a request which—
- (a) is in writing,
 - (b) states the name of the applicant and an address for correspondence, and
 - (c) describes the information requested."

[Guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office \(ICO\)](#) explains that requesters must provide a 'real name' that allows them to be identified:

"A requester whose name is Joseph Bloggs could call themselves 'Joe Bloggs', 'Joey Bloggs', 'J Bloggs' or 'Mr Bloggs'.

However, they could not just use 'Joseph', 'Joe', 'Joey' or 'J.B.' as this may not be sufficient to identify the requester."

If you need extra support, for example if you have a disability, a mental health condition, or do not speak English/Welsh, go to www.gov.uk and search for 'get help from HMRC'.
Text Relay service prefix number – 18001

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Your request is not valid under the Act as it does not include a 'real name' as required by section 8(1)(b).

If you still need the information you've asked for, please resubmit your request providing a valid name.

Yours sincerely,

HM Revenue and Customs