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Dear Mr Singh,

**FOI Request 30270**

Thank you for your correspondence dated 12 January which concerns guidance in relation to the 'centre of life' test which must be met by applicants applying for residence documentation under regulation 9 of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2006, as amended on the 1 January. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In your email you state:

"It appears clear that you have issued new Centre of life guidance for Surinder Singh to case workers.

"Can you please provide all policy updates. Home office circulars. And full copies of guidance in relation to the new regulation 9.3 of [the EEA Regulations] 2006 that was introduced on Jan 1. 2014."

In respect of policy updates and guidance, I can confirm that the Home Office holds the information you have requested and I am disclosing this at Annexes A and B to this response.

**Annex A** contains the relevant training slides used in training staff on the new requirements. There are seven pages in total.

**Annex B** ('Notice 02/2014 – Surinder Singh') is guidance issued by the European operational policy team for use by caseworkers assessing applications made under the Surinder Singh route from 1 January 2014 (three pages in total).

Please note that names and telephone numbers of individual staff members have been redacted from Annex B on the ground that this constitutes personal data and is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Act. The exempted sections are marked as redacted.

I can confirm that the Home Office has not issued any "Home Office circulars" on this subject.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference **FOI 30270**. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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Yours sincerely

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