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Dear Eva Sheffield,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 28th April. You wrote:

"I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Work and Pensions's handling of my FOI request 'Childcare cost element of universal credit criteria when self employed during covid 19 pandemic when there is no minimum income floor.'.

UC - Marylebone job centre and Belfast Service Centre has refused to provide any information on this and refused to explain wheat basis they use to deny childcare cost element."

DWP Response

In response to your internal review request, we can confirm that the handling of your original request and response has now been appropriately reviewed by someone unconnected with the handling of your original request.

We are satisfied that the original response was handled properly and that the outcome of your original request was correct. Your complaint is therefore not upheld and the reason for this is as follows: whilst the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) does hold some information relating to your request, this information is exempt under Section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act. This exemption covers certain information which, if released, would likely prejudice the prevention and detection of fraud and crime. In applying this exemption, DWP has balanced the public interest in withholding the information against the public interest in disclosing the information.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team
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Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

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