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Dear Mr Harris,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FoI) internal review request received on 23 September 2014. You asked:

Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.

I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Work and Pensions's handling of my FOI request 'Community Centre where 95% of the MWA participants wanted to continue'.

By law, you should have responded by 5 August 2014. You then said you would respond by 8/9/14 (without any explanation or apology for the delay). You still haven't responded.

Failure to respond within 7 days of this review request will result in referral to the ICO without further notice.

A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address: https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/community_centre_where_95_of_the

In response to your request, I can confirm that the handling of your original request and response has now been appropriately reviewed and that I was unconnected with the handling of your original request.

Your request for a review is upheld. DWP should have responded in 20 days to your original request for information and by the 5th August. My apologies that this deadline was not met. This was because we were seeking advice on your query. A reply to your original FOI request was sent on 23rd September.

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

Yours sincerely,

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
www.ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745