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Date 5/8/15

Our Ref: IR 400

Dear Mr Fraser

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FoI) internal review request received on 15 July 2015. In your request, you said:

"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 'Data Sharing of Grown-Up Children in Universal Credit'.

FoI stated that "The response to your request has been delayed. You can say that, by law, the authority should normally have responded promptly and by 17 June 2015", today is 15 July 2015 so you have delayed by nearly 1 month, which proves DWP's poor commitment to FoI response.

You're public agency run by tax payer's money and we would like to see your sense of responsibility to answer to the public's question promptly.

Please answer to the question immediately & prove some of your professionalism.

In response to your request, I 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. The review concluded that the Department should have replied within 20 days. Your appeal is therefore upheld. I am very sorry that this delay occurred.

The response to your original query is now attached.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central FoI Team

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