

Mr/Ms. M. Ackroyd

14 June 2012

Dear Mr/Ms. Ackroyd

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST
(Our file: FOI_12-073)

Your request for information received on 15 May 2012 regarding death threats received by certain UEA staff members has been considered and some the information requested is enclosed herewith in the attached document entitled 'Appendix A_Data file_073.pdf'. For your convenience, I have reproduced your request in the attachment to this letter and provided our response in line with each question. I trust this will be to your satisfaction.

It is, however, not possible to satisfy all elements of your request, and, in accordance with section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a partial Refusal Notice, and I am not obliged to supply all of the requested information. The exemptions are clearly indicated within the attached document and the reasons for exemption are as stated below:

Exemption	Reason
s.40(2), Personal information	Disclosure of information would contravene one of the data protection principles

We would hold that, firstly, requested information contains information that meets the definition of 'personal information' as defined by section 1(1) of the UK Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA). Specifically, we believe that the personal email addresses of certain individuals constitutes 'personal information' and that disclosure of this information would be contrary to the first data protection principle under the DPA; namely that information be processed in a fair and lawful fashion and that the processing also meets at least one of the conditions set out in Schedule 2 of the Act. We do not have consent for the release of some of this information, nor are there any conditions present that would allow us to release under any of the other provisions of Schedule 2 of the DPA. We have noted where we have invoked this exemption within the attached document.

Additionally, pursuant to your rights under section 1(1)(a) of Freedom of Information Act 2000 to be informed whether information is held, we do not hold some of the requested information. Specifically, we do not hold any recorded information that identifies the two death threats "...that arrived after the information commissioner delivered his "verdict"" We certainly received abusive email directed at Prof. Jones during the relevant

timeframe but we do not have any recorded information that identifies exactly what Prof. Jones was referring to in his statement quoted in the Telegraph of 7 February 2010. It should be noted as well that verbal threats were received at this time as well as those in recorded format.

I apologise that your request will not be met in full, but if you have any further information needs in the future, then please contact me.

I would also add that any material released over which UEA has copyright is released subject to the understanding that you will comply with all relevant copyright rules regarding reproduction and/or transmission of the information released.

You have the right of appeal against this decision. If you wish to appeal, please set out in writing your grounds of appeal and send to me at:

University of East Anglia
Norwich Research Park
Norwich
NR4 7TJ
Telephone: 01603 593523
E-mail: foi@uea.ac.uk

You must appeal our decision within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter. Any appeal received after that date will not be considered nor acknowledged. This policy has been reviewed and approved by the Information Commissioner's Office.

You also have a subsequent right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow, Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 0303 123 1113
www.ico.gov.uk

Please quote our reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

David Palmer
Information Policy and Compliance Manager
University of East Anglia

Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_12-073)

It was reported by the Daily Telegraph (8.45AM, 7 Feb 2010) that Professor Phil Jones had received death threats following the release of CRU emails in 2009:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/environment/climatechange/7180154/Climategate-Professor-Phil-Jones-considered-suicide-over-email-scandal.html>

"Prof Jones said he was knocked sideways by the worldwide outrage that followed the leaking of the emails. (...) Although he has received some high-profile support for his work, he is still receiving death threats, with two more arriving last week after the deputy information commissioner delivered his verdict."

Please supply copies of ten death threats received by Professor Jones, including the two that arrived after the information commissioner delivered his "verdict".

Copies of the emails are contained within the attached document entitled Appendix A_Data file_073.pdf.

[Information exempted pursuant to s.40(2), Freedom of Information Act, 2000]

Some information is 'personal data' as defined by the Data Protection Act 1998, and release of such information would contravene the First Data Protection Principle.

[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]

We do not have any recorded information that specifically identifies the threats that Prof. Jones referred to in his statement to the Telegraph as reported on 7 February 2010.