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Dear Chris Clark,

Freedom of information request (reference: 31183)

Thank you for your email of 22 March 2014, in which you ask a number of questions relating to the Sampson report and its entry on the Home Office FOI disclosure log

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Annex A to this letter provides a response to each of your questions including any exemptions that are applicable.

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 **31183**. 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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As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A

1. Who made the original FOI Request?

We have concluded that the information you have requested – specifically the details of the original FOI requester – is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the FOI Act by virtue of the condition at sub-section 40(3)(a)(i). This section of the Act exempts personal data from disclosure if its release would breach any of the data protection principles at Schedule 2 to the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and as such does not require any consideration of the Public Interest Test (PIT).

2. What was released to them?

The 73/13 Report into the Investigation of the series of Murders and Assaults on Women in the North of England between 1975 and 1980

3. Why that information is not available as a public document.

The document is available, however when it was added to the disclosure log it was too large to be added on the Home Office website. Individuals who want a copy can contact the Home Office and request it by e-mailing info.access@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk. On receipt of a contact address a hard copy is posted.

4. When the publicly released information was withdrawn and upon whose authority was it withdrawn.

It was never withdrawn; the information is available in hard copy only. The original link directed individuals to contact the Home Office to receive a copy. When the Home Office website moved to the new Gov.uk website, FOI releases from before 2012 were to be made available only via the National Archives website. A full copy of what was published on the old Home Office website can be found at the following archived link.

<http://tna.europarchive.org/20100413151426/http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/released-information/foi-archive-crime/7313-sampson-reporta8cf.html?view=Html>