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Dear Mr Maxwell

Thank you for your enquiry of 14 December 2020 in which you requested information on right of abode. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Information Requested

The Independent Chief Inspector's report of February 2020 noted that, in 2015, caseworkers had to complete a 'Harm Assessment Matrix' in respect of failed right of abode applications, to determine whether to refer them for enforcement action (see [https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fassets.publishing.service.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fuploads%2Fsystem%2Fuploads%2Fattachm ent_data%2Ffile%2F865201%2FCICBI_Failed_Right_of_Abode_Web_version.pdf& amp;data=04%7C01%7CCCTFOI%40homeoffice.gov.uk%7C8018b86ad5604b9c714 b08d898478a34%7Cf24d93ecb2914192a08af182245945c2%7C0%7C0%7C637426 780305638135%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljo iV2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000& sdata=wCnCd9Re6l 8JleYmpIG7tdJnm7lxtTR6wTuZlqXNn%2F4%3D& reserved=0 at p.10\).](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fassets.publishing.service.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fuploads%2Fsystem%2Fuploads%2Fattachm ent_data%2Ffile%2F865201%2FCICBI_Failed_Right_of_Abode_Web_version.pdf& amp;data=04%7C01%7CCCTFOI%40homeoffice.gov.uk%7C8018b86ad5604b9c714 b08d898478a34%7Cf24d93ecb2914192a08af182245945c2%7C0%7C0%7C637426 780305638135%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljo iV2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000& sdata=wCnCd9Re6l 8JleYmpIG7tdJnm7lxtTR6wTuZlqXNn%2F4%3D& reserved=0 at p.10).)

Please provide the following information:

(1) Do Home Office caseworkers still use any kind of harm or risk assessment matrix or tool to decide whether failed right of abode applications should be referred to Immigration Enforcement?

(2) Please provide a copy of the matrix or tool, including a full list of the factors or criteria applied in deciding whether to refer failed right of abode applications.

(3) Please provide any policies, guidance or standard operating procedures which deal with how such factors or criteria are selected and/or updated.

(4) Please provide copies of any equality impact assessments or data protection impact assessments completed in relation to the matrix or tool.

(5) Please provide copies of any policies, guidance or standard operating procedures which deal with the process of handling failed right of abode applications and the use of the matrix or tool.

Before providing the following clarification

Thank you for your email. I confirm that my request refers only to applications for a certificate of entitlement to the right of abode.

Response

No information is held by UK Visas & Immigration in relation to Nationality and certificate of entitlement applications as they do not use a matrix or tool.

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 foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk, quoting reference 61667. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff 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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