Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) Central Freedom of Information Team

<u>freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gsi.gov.uk</u>

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Our reference: Fol 3180

Date: 27July 2018

Dear Mr Lobb.

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 12th June 2018. In relation to a previous response to case 2675, you asked:

"please could you answer why Ms Braebauem and Ms Thorpe refused to give me the reasons for dismissing my claims."

DWP Response:

Personal information about you is treated as 'exempt information' under section 40(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). This is because you are normally entitled to a copy of the personal information that the Department holds about you under the General Data Protection Regulations 2018.

The attached link gives details of the way in which you can apply for this information:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/request-your-personal-information-from-the-department-for-work-and-pensions

The current (FIU) investigation is in relation to the Paying Parent and as such is not information personal to you, therefore CMG are not able to disclose the information you have requested as it would be in breach of data protection regulations".

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol Team

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

If you are not happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gsi.gov.uk or by writing to: DWP, Central Fol Team, Caxton House, Tothill Street, SW1H 9NA. Any review request should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

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