

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

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Our reference: IR432

Date: 29 August 2018

Dear Mr Lobb

Thank you for your Freedom of Information review request received on 13 August 2018

I am of a senior grade to the person who dealt with your request, I was not involved previously, and can confirm that I have carried out an internal review. I am now in a position to respond to you.

You asked

They have said it breaches data protection to inform me of what the PP has said in interview, yet they have since released to me the financial Investigation closure report detailing what the PP has said!

So have they breached DP or are they just deliberately refusing to investigate the facts or is it just a lazy department. There should be no need to have the HMCTS involved in this very simple investigation.

DWP Response:

I have reviewed your request and can confirm that the investigation report was disclosed by HMCTS as is the requirement of the appeal process.

However I can clarify that the decision to not disclose earlier was correct and in line with DWP Data Protection guidelines.

I am also content that your original request was dealt with in accordance with DWP guidelines for FoI requests.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me 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