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By email: request-647069-2c20868e@whatdotheyknow.com 20 March 2020

Dear Jenna Corderoy,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: FOI Guidance and Training

Thank you for your request for information of 10 March 2020 about FOI guidance and training. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

I would like to request formal FOI guidance and training material produced centrally by the main DEFRA FOI team. As for a timeframe, I would like to request these materials from 1st March 2019 to the current day. I would like to drop parts three and four of the request.

Please see attached at Annex C and D for formal guidance and training produced centrally by the Information Rights Team in Defra from 1 March 2019 to 10 March 2020 (date of your request)

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We attach Annex A, explaining the copyright that applies to the information being released to you, and Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A

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Annex B

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Please note that generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at:

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