

Mr Josh Hastings

By email only

Our ref: 6511737 Your ref: Date: 4 December 2017

Dear Mr Hastings

## Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your recent request to the Council. You asked to be provided with the following information:

I would like to see a copy of the coroner's report into the death of GCHQ/SIS codebreaker Gareth Williams.

https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2013/nov/13/mi6-spy-dead-bag-locked-himself-gareth-williams

## Response

Please be advised that the Coroner's Office is a separate entity to the council. For the purposes of section 1 (4) of the Act, therefore, the requested information is not held by Westminster City Council. The council is therefore unable to provide it.

Further, it is not possible to transfer your requests to the Coroner's Office as they are not a public authority for the purposes of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

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Yours sincerely

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