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Dear Mr Wright

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 20 June in which you are requesting the guidance issued to registrars for the conduct of marriage interviews.

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am writing to request the guidance issued to Registrars for the conduct of interviews with couples wanting either to marry or enter a civil partnership.

Before two people are able to marry/ enter a civil partnership, the Registrar conducts an interview with them both individually and separately.

Given that these interviews must follow some sort of structure in order to serve any purpose, I would like to see the guidance document(s) that Registrars refer to.

I can confirm the General Register Office (GRO), part of Her Majesty's Passport Office, holds the guidance issued to registrars for conducting interviews prior to marriages and civil partnerships.

Please see attached an extract from the guidance we provide to the local registration services regarding the conduct of marriage and civil partnership interviews.

Yours sincerely

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