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Dear Mr Williams

### Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Thank you for your request, which was received on 20 September, for the following information:

"I understand that there is a data sharing agreement between HMRC and the Child Maintenance Group (CMG) of the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) as it relates to income information of private individuals.

Please provide the following:

- The primary document laying out the terms of the data sharing agreement between HMRC and the CMG of the DWP.
- Copies of all correspondence between the DWP and HMRC relating to the data sharing agreement going back from the date of this request to 6 months previous.
- Copies of any documents laying out planned updates or upcoming changes to the data sharing agreement."

I can confirm HMRC holds information that falls within scope of your request, therefore, the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that covers the agreement you refer to is enclosed with this letter.

You will note that there are redactions on the document. These have been made in order to ensure we comply with the General Data Protection Regulation principles and prevent personal information being released.

Some contact information has been withheld under section 31(1)(a) and section 31(1)(d) of the FOIA on the basis that there would be a clear risk of prejudicing the prevention or detection of a crime and HMRC's ability to effectively assess or collect of tax by releasing that level of detail.

To address your other two points, I can tell you there has been no dialogue between HMRC and DWP about the MoU in the last six months. There are also no planned updates or upcoming changes for that MoU.

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team