

## Hammersmith and Fulham

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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information received on 8 December 2017.

### Your request

*Please provide a copy of all communications (if any) specific to the Home Education bill from or to your local authority between 2016 - 2017. This includes, but is not limited to; Lord Soley, the House of Lords, other local authorities and MPs*

### Our response

This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that Hammersmith and Fulham holds the information you requested. Please find attached the information being released to you.

Please find attached the relevant emails

However, we are withholding some of that information since we consider that the following exemption applies to it.

We consider that the absolute exemption set out in Section 40 (Personal information) subsection 2 applies to the information requested. Therefore, we have decided to withhold the information.

The information which you have requested constitutes the personal data of third parties therefore, we need to consider whether disclosing it would breach the data protection principles.

Under the Data Protection Act, the Council must consider whether it is fair on an individual to release their personal information into the public domain and consider the impact it may have on them. Releasing information such as staff names and contact details could lead to detrimental contact such as spam emails and unrequired direct contact from members of the public who should use our published methods of departmental contact for enquiries.

The Council's website contains the personal information (including names) of the Executive Directors who are currently employed by the Council:

[http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/Directory/Council\\_and\\_Democracy/Data\\_Protection\\_and\\_Freedom\\_of\\_Information/Freedom\\_of\\_Information\\_Act/155555\\_Transparency.asp#0](http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/Directory/Council_and_Democracy/Data_Protection_and_Freedom_of_Information/Freedom_of_Information_Act/155555_Transparency.asp#0)

Staff below this level do not have their personal information published.

The requested details also comprise a small number of a small population, it is considered that the information is exempt from disclosure under section 40 (2) of the Act, as it is personal information which would enable the identification of individuals who would not have an expectation that such information would be made public. Disclosure would thereby breach Principle 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998 (Fair and Lawful Processing). This letter therefore acts as a refusal notice in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in respect of the above.

The London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham is not obliged to submit the rest of the bundle of emails, as we are not the authors and do not have the permission of the author or all the other people mentioned in the email. We would advise you to contact The London Borough of Croydon for the information that you have requested.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request for information, please contact the h&f InTouch team within 40 working days of receiving this response. They will consider the matters raised and decide whether they are referred to the Council's Information Manager for an internal review.

You can write to the h&f InTouch team at Room 229, Hammersmith Town Hall, King Street, London W6 9JU, or email: [handfintouch@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:handfintouch@lbhf.gov.uk). If you are registered for self-service, via the Council's My Account portal, you can also do this online: [Click here to complete the form](#)

You also have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. Tel: 0303 123 1113. Website: [www.ico.org.uk/concerns/](http://www.ico.org.uk/concerns/). There is no charge for making an appeal. The ICO may ask you to contact Hammersmith and Fulham, so we can complete an internal review, before the ICO investigates the matter.

Yours faithfully

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