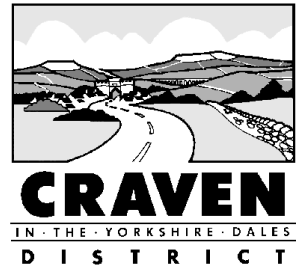


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Freedom of Information Officer

Our ref: IR 2017-018

13 February 2017

Dear Mr Joseph,

On 27 January 2017, you sought an internal review of a recent decision given by the Council concerning your request for information about the housing of paedophiles.

The following describes the circumstances relating to your original request, the Council's decision, and the outcome of the internal review that has been undertaken.

### **The request for information**

On 15 January 2017, you asked the Council the following:

How many paedophiles have been given social housing in Craven since and including January 1st 2010?

### **The Council's original decision**

A reply was sent to you on 20 January 2017. The reply explained that the information that had been requested was not held by the Council.

### **Your request for an internal review**

On 27 January, 2017, you requested an internal review of the above decision, and claimed that the information must be held because the Council is involved in the local Choice Based Lettings scheme.

### **Conduct of Internal Reviews of decisions**

This internal review has been conducted in accordance with the Code of Practice under Section 45 of the Freedom of Information Act. The Code of Practice requires public authorities to conduct a full re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the investigation of the complaint raised by the applicant.

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) is the regulator of matters relating to the Act, and has published guidance on the handling of requests for information and on the handling of complaints or requests for internal review. This guidance is published on the ICO's website:

<https://ico.org.uk/>

### **The internal review**

As you have indicated that you were dissatisfied with the original decision, the reviewing officer has carefully considered your original request, and the decision that was sent to you on 20 January 2017.

### **Issues arising**

The question to be considered is what information the Council holds on applicants for social housing? It is true that when making applications, applicants are asked whether they have any criminal convictions, and if so the nature of the offences. However applicants are not asked whether they are 'paedophiles'.

### **Decision following Internal Review**

Because the Council does not collect or hold the information that you have requested, the reviewing officer has confirmed the Council's original decision that the information that you requested is not held by the Council.

### **Your rights following the internal review**

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply direct to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. The Information Commissioner's Office can be contacted at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. There is a link to the ICO's website above.

Yours sincerely,

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