

25 March 2021

Our Ref: UKSBS-FOI2021-016  
UKSBS-FOI2021-009

Dear Ermine,

## Request for Review

I refer to your email of Saturday 20 March 2021, which we received on Monday 22 March 2021.

In your letter you ask for an Internal Review of our decision and have raised a number of points relating to both UKSBS-FOI2021-009 and UKSBS-FOI2021-016.

Your request for review and the points you raised have been considered and I can now respond as follows:

| Your Comments  | UKSBS' Response   |
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| You have provided no information. You have suggested that this is submitted as separate FOI requests i.e. 6 separate FOI requests.   | This was in response to your original FOI request <b>UKSBS-FOI2021-009</b> , we explained that the request was too broad and above the threshold of reasonable scope, in keeping with regulatory requirements under s.16, Freedom of Information Act 2000:<br>'16.—(1) It shall be the duty of a public authority to provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so, to persons who propose to make, or have made, requests for information to it.' |
| Your reply states : "There has been a significant amount of communications in this two year period and our advice would be, if this request were redefined in scope to 'communications specifically related to UKSBS' Stonewall application' this would assist in limiting the amount of information/communications that we would need to search for and consider for disclosure. "  | This was in response to your original FOI request <b>UKSBS-FOI2021-009</b> , we explained that the request was too broad and above the threshold of reasonable scope, in keeping with regulatory requirements under s.16, Freedom of Information Act 2000:<br>'16.—(1) It shall be the duty of a public authority to provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so, to persons who propose to make, or have made, requests for information to it.' |
| "You did not assist me with a list of job titles to use for limiting the amount of info. This will make it possible for you to manage the significant amount of communications so you can answer parts 2 & 3 and respond to all the other parts of the request, capturing a representative picture of your dealings with Stonewall without exceeding the appropriate limit and without submitting 6 separate FOI requests to you." | Your original request, <b>UKSBS-FOI2021-009</b> was responded to applying an s.12 exemption and, as per the FOI regulations, was closed.<br><br>Your request for a 'list of job titles' is being processed as a new FOI under the reference: <b>UKSBS-FOI2021-016</b> .<br><br>For clarity the deadline for response for request UKSBS-FOI2021-016 is <b>8 April 2021</b> which is a correction of the date 8 March 2021 which was previously provided in error.                                      |

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| <p>I do not know what request you now intend to address ('With regards to paragraph 3, your redefined scope of ask request'). You refer to paragraph number 3 and do not state what you consider the "redefined scope of ask request" is.</p> | <p>We apologise for any confusion. To clarify, the reference to 'paragraph 3' relates to paragraph 3 of your communication of 14 March 2021:</p> <p><i>To make it possible for you to comply without incurring excessive costs, I suggest you provide a list of the custodians (by job title; I do not need to know names) you believe to have been the recipients of communications requested.</i></p> <p>This redefined scope is being addressed by UKSBS under reference <b>UKSBS-FOI2021-016</b>, with deadline being on or before <b>8 April 2021</b>.</p> <p>We will try to provide you with the information you are seeking but would note that, where information constitutes personal data, we may not be able to do so. We would also encourage you to advise any information you are seeking clearly, or with clear parameters, so that we can identify information that falls within that scope.</p> |

Your request to carry out an internal review of **UKSBS-FOI2021-016** is not possible at this time as this particular request is still being responded to, our deadline for response being on or before **8 April 2021**.

Could you please clarify if you wish to request an internal review of **UKSBS-FOI2021-009** or if you are content to wait until you have received our response to **UKSBS-FOI2021-016**?

Yours sincerely

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