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Sent via email – request-639497-f444fbfb@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Ms Tayler

## Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your request for information, which was received on 28 January 2020. You requested:

"Please can you provide me with an up to date list of all UK Single & Multi Academy Trusts including how many academies are in each trust.

Please can you include contact details (email, telephone number) for each MAT including the head office postal address and the name of the head of estates/facilities where available.

Please provide in excel format if possible."

I have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act").

The Department holds most of the information you have requested, but it is being withheld because exemptions apply.

Under section 21 of the Act, the Department is not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you.

Much of the information you have requested is available on the Department's <u>Get</u> information about schools website.

You can access a list of academy trusts, head office postal addresses and how many schools each academy trust has (schools within the trust are referred to as "linked providers" in the dataset) by following the steps below:

- on the home page select the 'Find an establishment group' tab;
- select and search 'All establishment groups';
- select 'Single-academy trust' and 'Multi-academy trust' from the group type menu;
  and
- select 'Download these search results' in the top right corner of the screen to download the entire dataset.

The Department does not routinely require academy trusts to provide the names of their head of estates/facilities or generic trust-level contact details including email addresses or telephone numbers. Therefore, the Department does not hold this information for all multi-academy trusts. This information may be available by searching on each academy trust's website.

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled, you should make a complaint to the Department by writing to me within two calendar months of the date of this letter. Your complaint will be considered by an independent review panel, who were not involved in the original consideration of your request.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint to the Department, you may then contact the Information Commissioner's Office.

Yours sincerely

Mark Wilson

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