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Dear Ms Williams

### **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 191015017**

Thank you for your request, received on the 15th October 2019, for an Internal Review of FOI 190916006. We have interpreted your request as a review of the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

- 1) Can you also confirm whether the Official Receiver attached to the county court hearing centre at Maidstone has received any confirmations from the county court of a pending action in bankruptcy filed by Maidstone Borough Council in 2018/2019 as a creditor on a bankruptcy petition, please provide the PAB dates and the name of the Insolvency Office and date they were received.**
- 2) Are your Official Receivers aware of these practices who have access as a court officer to the bankruptcy cases, how many have they received prior to and including 2018/2019?**

The purpose of an Internal Review is to assess how your FOI request was handled in the first instance and to determine whether the original decision given to you was correct. This is an independent review: I was not involved in the original decision.

The response to your original request confirmed the information requested is not held and should instead have been requested from The Insolvency Service. After careful consideration I have concluded that this response was compliant with the requirements of the FOIA.

### **Statutory deadline**

The statutory deadline for your request was the 14th October 2019 and the response was provided to you on the 14th October 2019 within timescale. The response was therefore compliant with the requirements of the FOIA.

### **Outcome**

In conclusion, I can confirm that searches for this information were carried out where possible but the Ministry of Justice does not hold any information in the scope of your request. This is because we are not the appropriate authority to contact on this subject (as we are unable to say what the Official Receiver holds).

In our response to you on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 we advised that you may wish to contact the Insolvency Service as they may hold some of the information you requested.

You can contact the Insolvency Service by post or email using the information provided below:

The Insolvency Service,  
3rd Floor,  
Cannon House,  
18 Priory Queensway,  
Birmingham,  
B4 6FD

E: [FOI@insolvency.gov.uk](mailto:FOI@insolvency.gov.uk)

For further details, please see the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/insolvency-service/about/publication-scheme>

In conclusion, I am therefore satisfied that the response you received on the 14th October 2019 was correct.

### **Appeal Rights**

If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The Commissioner is an independent regulator who has the power to direct us to respond to your request differently, if she considers that we have handled it incorrectly.

### **You can contact the ICO at the following address:**

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

<https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact-us>

Yours sincerely

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