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Our Ref: FOI1845

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Dear Bill,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which we received on 13 May 2016.

You asked:

***“How many staff employed by Maximus UK hold medical qualifications in Neurology that are registered with the GMC?***

***How many doctors employed by Maximus UK are Muslims?***

***How many doctors employed by Maximus UK are Christian?***

***How many doctors employed by Maximus UK are neither Muslim nor Christian?***

***How many doctors does Maximus UK employ in the UK only?***

***Are doctors employed by Maximus UK told to assess, examine and make reports about patients for conditions that those doctors do not have a qualification in. In other words does Maximus UK find it acceptable to allow doctors trained in Paediatrics to assess brain injuries?***

***How many times since being contracted by the UK government has Maximus UK told their doctors to assess patients for conditions that the doctors is not qualified to assess.”***

In response:

On this occasion the Department will not be processing your response further. This is because your request does not comply with Section 8(1)(b) of the FOI Act. This means that to comply with your request the department requires that you give your real name. The Information Commissioner (ICO) has issued guidance for public authorities on this topic. The ICO considers that "the name of the applicant refers to the real name of the applicant. You can see the guidance issued by the ICO here:

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If you have any queries about this letter please contact me quoting the reference number above.

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<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/contents>

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Yours sincerely

DWP Central Fol Team

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