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Dear Mr Carroll,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1209730

Thank you for your request dated 12 March, in which you asked the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC):

"Dear Department of Health and Social Care,

I am requesting the minutes documents relating to the wind up of the MacFarlane Trust the transfer of funds left in MFT accounts to the Terrence Higgins Trust. Your department originally allocated the funds to the MFT were involved in the redistribution of these funds.

Yours faithfully,"

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

I can confirm that the Department holds information relevant to your request.

We have located and extracted the requested information and are now in the process of redacting it under s40(2) of the FOIA, which provides for the protection of personal information. Section 40 prohibits a public body from disclosing personally identifiable information, as doing so would contravene data protection principles. Redaction is also required for out of scope information included in the documents.

Because redaction is carried out manually and requires access to office equipment, you will receive your response when staff are able to return to work as normal. We will keep you updated but unfortunately will not be able to expedite the response or the release of information in any way.

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to appeal by asking for an internal review. This should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter and sent to FreedomOfInformation@dhsc.gov.uk, or to the address at the top of this letter.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communication.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may complain directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have already appealed our original response and received our internal review decision. You should raise your concerns with the ICO within three months of your last meaningful contact with us.

The ICO can be contacted at:

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

https://ico.org.uk/concerns/

Yours sincerely,

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