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Dear Josie Mullen,

Thank you for your email of 12 August 2017 where you requested the following information:

Please supply all information that explains how the Northern Powerhouse has become an entre for so many criminal organisations to take gross financial advantage of foreign and domestic investors WITHOUT ANY INTERVENTION BY THE GOVERNMENT

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

The Department does not hold information on the developments highlighted in your email.

The Department works with stakeholders in the North of England to develop a collaborative and unified approach to promoting the Northern Powerhouse to foreign investors. The Government continues to build international understanding of the 'northern offer' to increase the number of foreign direct investment projects that land in the region, and the number of companies that successfully export from the region.

## Appeals procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to the Information Rights Unit:

Information Rights Unit Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy 1 Victoria Street London SW1H 0ET

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

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

Northern Powerhouse Investment Team