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Dear Mr Headley

FOI reference 1073

Thank you for your request, received on 16 August 2013, made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The functions previously undertaken by the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) and Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) are now carried out by the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS). DBS was established under the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 and provides information to help employers in England and Wales make informed safer recruitment decisions, especially those involving children or vulnerable groups. DBS also helps prevent unsuitable people from working with vulnerable groups including children. DBS are now the owners of the information that was previously held by the CRB and the ISA.

I note your request for information was as follows:

Please could you provide me with the following information?

- 1) The total number of all applications (that you have on your records) to Imperial College NHS Trust that revealed a criminal record.
- 2) The total number of all applications (that you have on your records) to Imperial College NHS Trust that revealed a criminal record for the position of midwife or nurse.
- 3) The total number of all applications (that you have on your records) to Imperial College NHS Trust that revealed a criminal record for fraud offences.

Clarified:

'In reply to your request for further information the relevant ACPO codes and offence descriptions offences are:

- 4. 7. 1 - Obtaining property by deception;
- 4. 7. 1. 2 - Obtain a money transfer by deception;
- 4. 7. 2 - Obtaining pecuniary advantage by deception;
- 4. 7. 2. 2 - Obtain a pecuniary advantage by deception for another.

To clarify, your assumption is correct that by 'criminal record' I am referring to Police National Computer (PNC) information including: convictions, cautions, warnings and reprimands.

Please could you provide the information since the CRB's inception in March 2002 and I would like the response in calendar years if possible'.

Response

Please see the attached spreadsheet detailing the information you have requested in respect of Imperial College NHS Trust who are known to the DBS as a Registered Body. The information covers calendar years 2003 to 2013 (to date). We do not hold any information for this organisation prior to 2003.

Please note the following with regards to the information provided –

- DBS does not own the PNC record of convictions and cautions. The system held by the DBS is known as a PNC Extract which is used for matching the applicant's details against a record. The extract contains basic identifying details such as name and date of birth of persons included on the PNC. The extract does not contain any conviction information. The police forces both own and maintain all information contained on the PNC.
- DBS are unable to confirm if any of the individuals were employed as a result of the information being included on a certificate as the DBS has no involvement in any recruitment decision made. The recruitment decision is made by the employer or other body.
- The figures in the attached spreadsheet represent the number of convictions, cautions, warnings and/or reprimands included on DBS certificates for the positions requested during the specified time period.
- The information provided does not relate to the number of individual applicants, as an individual can apply more than once for a check in any one period. The figures therefore relate to certificates issued.

Your right to request an internal review under the Freedom of Information Act

If you are dissatisfied with our response or our handling of your FOI request you may request an internal review by e-mailing dbsfoi@dbs.gsi.gov.uk or by writing to Freedom of Information Manager, Disclosure & Barring Service, PO Box 165, L69 3JD. You should submit any request for review within two months of the date of this letter.

In all possible circumstances the Disclosure & Barring Service will aim to respond to your request for review as soon as practicable and in any case within 40 calendar days.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF www.ico.gov.uk.

I hope this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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