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Dear E Olsson

We refer to your request where you asked:

*"In 2007, Edward Posey was awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for 'services to the Gaia Foundation'. Access to documents, in full or redacted, detailing such 'services' is requested on the grounds of FOI."*

Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am writing to advise you that it has not been possible to complete work on your request.

Since 17 March 2020 staff have been advised against accessing our offices, and have also been unable to retrieve records held at off-site storage facilities in order to carry out a detailed search of paper records for the information in scope of your request. A search of our electronic records has established that the information on Edward Posey held on our current database, introduced in 2017, is limited to a reference to the candidate being successful in 2007. There is no record of the candidate held on the previous database.

We will of course resume work on your request once government travel and building restrictions are removed.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request or wish to request an internal review, you should write to:

Rachel Anderson

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You should note that the Cabinet Office will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Cabinet Office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Khan', written in a cursive style.

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