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Your request for a review of our response to your Freedom of Information Act request FOI/190/18

Your email to the Attorney General's Office of 31 October 2018 asked for an internal review of the handling of your FOI request for information relating to "Paul Anthony Golding (aka Paul Golding) recent arrest, imprisonment and bail". I have undertaken a review as requested. This letter is to inform you of my conclusions.

On 31 October 2018, this Office's FOI Officer informed you that the Attorney General's Office does not hold the information you requested.

Your right to information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Section 1 of the Act confers an entitlement, where you have requested recorded information from a public authority, to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in your request, and in cases where the relevant authority confirms that it holds information, you are entitled to have that information communicated to you. That entitlement is subject, under the Act, to a number of exclusions and exemptions requiring or permitting a public authority to refuse to disclose information, or to refuse to confirm or deny whether it holds information.

Internal review findings

I have now completed my review and have concluded that the original assessment carried out was correct. The Attorney General's Office does not hold the information you requested.

The Attorney General is the Advocate General for Northern Ireland. The Advocate General for Northern Ireland's consent to prosecution is only required for those Northern Irish offences set out in Schedule 7 to the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002. If consent to prosecution is required for any other Northern Irish offence, it will normally be for the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland to give that consent.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right, under section 50 of the Act, to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner recommends that applications are made within two months of the public authority's determination in relation to the internal review (i.e. the date on this letter).

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelby Harmes', written in a cursive style.

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