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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information request - reference 28663

Thank you for your e-mail of 19 August 2013, in which you ask who is in charge of the Professional Standards Unit at the Home Office.

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The general policy of the Home Office is not to disclose, to a third party, personal information about another person. This is because we have obligations under the Data Protection Act and in law generally to protect this information.

We have concluded that the information you have requested – specifically the name of a middle-ranking civil servant – is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the FoI Act by virtue of the condition at sub-section 40(3)(a)(i). This section of the Act exempts personal data from disclosure if its release would breach any of the data protection principles at Schedule 2 to the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and as such does not require any consideration of the Public Interest Test..

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference **28663**. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you

remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours faithfully

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