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Dear Mr Bhamjee,

I am writing to provide you with details of the findings of the "Internal Review" you requested in your e-mail dated 24 December 2017. The purpose of this review has been to establish if your Freedom of Information Request has been dealt with properly or not.

When coming to my decision on this matter, I have reviewed correspondence between yourself and Council staff; considered the interpretation and application of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to the information provided. My findings can be found below.

Upon reviewing your initial request which was received on the 23 November 2017, along with the response from Liz Appiah dated 20 December 2017, I am satisfied that you were provided with a response and that the response was provided to you in a timely manner.

The wording of your request for a review is as follows:

- 1. I believe that when the Local Authorities does apply for the Council Tax Liability Orders, there are usually more than 100 Summons for the Liability Orders, whilst the Magistrates Courts does not keep the records as copies are kept by the Local Authorities.
- 2. The Local Authorities does have the Social Workers, who normally makes the Applications or Complaints for the person to be detained under the Mental Health Act 1983 for a period of 28 days for assessment.
- 3. Under the Mental Health Act 1983, there is a legal Right for Son or Daughter, Brother-Sister, Mother, and other relatives who can make an Application to the Court.
- 4. You are aware that there are time limits as well when a person can make an application to the Court, as the delays has been caused by your Office, since Section 64 of the Senior Courts Act 1981 and the CPR 19 Rules does apply for the purpose of saving time and Costs, against the Local Authorities, the Hospital Trust, and The Secretary of State for Health under the Human Rights Act 1998.

As your review request was written as a series of statements it cannot be classified as a review request under the Freedom of Information Act and so I am unable to provide a response.

I hope my reply resolves your complaint and clarifies the situation for you, but should you remain dissatisfied you may refer the matter to the Information Commissioner. The address of the Information Commissioner is FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. You can also visit the Information Commissioner's Office website at www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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