

19 April 2010

Dear Mr Iqbal

Thank you for your email of today. I am writing to reassure you that the National College takes its responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act very seriously and intends to respond to your request.

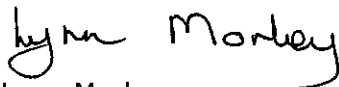
The National College wrote to Mr. Ali to tell him about your request for information because it is required to do so under the Ministry of Justice's Code of Practice made under section 45 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. (You can see a copy of this Code of Practice at <http://www.foi.gov.uk/reference/impreg/codepafunc.htm>.)

Section IV of the Code of Practice requires the National College to tell Mr Ali that it is proposing to disclose information about him under the Freedom of Information Act. If Mr Ali believes that the National College cannot disclose any of the information that has been requested because it is covered by an exemption such as commercial confidentiality, this gives him the opportunity to tell the National College that he believes that the information requested is exempt from disclosure.

Based on Mr Ali's response, the National College will then make an assessment as to whether it agrees with Mr Ali's assessment that some of the information is exempt from disclosure. If it does not, it will disclose all relevant information that it holds to you. I would like to reassure you that any legal advice that Mr. Ali is taking is not addressed to the National College, and the National College will make its own decision, taking into account any response it receives from Mr Ali, about what information, if any, to disclose to you.

As I said in my original letter, the National College will reply to your request under the Freedom of Information Act by no later than 5th May 2010.

Yours sincerely



Lynn Morley
Freedom of Information Officer