



Ref. FOI/20200505/2

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Reply to request for information under the Freedom of Information Act	
Your ref	Email of 5 May
Request	Under the Freedom of Information Act, could you please make available a copy of the 2016 FHS Politics Examiners' report, Economics Examiners' Report and PPE Examiners' report?

Dear Ms Ng,

I write in reply to your email requesting the above information.

I attach the Examiners' report for PPE, which incorporates the comments the examiners for Politics and those for Economics. We will not disclose the names of the internal and external examiners, as we consider that this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (Act). Section 40(2) provides an exemption from disclosure for information that is the personal data of an individual other than the requester, where disclosure would breach any of the data protection principles in Article 5 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). We consider that disclosure of the information requested would breach the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data is processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner, for the reasons given below.

We consider that the disclosure of the names of the examiners would be unfair to the individuals concerned, as it would be contrary to their reasonable and legitimate expectations. They would not reasonably expect that their roles would be made public under the FOIA without their consent. (Please note that a disclosure of information under FOIA is presumed to be a disclosure to the world at large, and not just a disclosure to the individual making the request.)

For the disclosure of personal data to be lawful, it must have a lawful basis under Article 6 of the GDPR. There are six possible lawful bases in Article 6; we do not consider that any of them would be satisfied in respect of the disclosure.

The exemption in section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and is not subject to the public interest test provided for in section 2(2)(b) of the FOIA.

INTERNAL REVIEW

You may request an internal review of this response by e-mailing foi@admin.ox.ac.uk. A request for internal review should be submitted no later than 40 working days from the date of this letter.

THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

If, after the internal review, you are still dissatisfied, you have the right under FOIA to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether your request has been dealt with in accordance with the FOIA. You can do this online using the [Information Commissioner's complaints portal](#).



Yours sincerely

Information Compliance Team