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DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Dear Mr Mallen,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which we received on 30 October 2016.

You asked:

“Having downloaded the linked .pdf file I am unable to find the relevant 'clause'. Perhaps the information is out of date and you have access to something more recent. Assuming you do then please provide a copy”

In response to directing you to the correct part of the Freedom of Information Act, relating to creating new information please read:

Section 1 - General right of access to information held by the public authorities.

Section 84 - Interpretations.

You also asked:

“please provide a complete copy of the current/final specification document as agreed between the parties involved including any relevant communications during its generation, not solely restricted to 'Maximus', concerned.”

In relation to the LiMA software program is not only integral to the conduct of DWP business, it also represents a significant commercial interest to the DWP. Therefore we decline to provide the specification, any technical or other information that would enable full or partial reproduction of the LiMA system.

The information contained in the requested document falls within the exemptions allowed by Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act. Where information is exempt under Section 43 this is due to it being commercially sensitive and release of the information would prejudice the interests of our Healthcare providers and the Department's future dealings with them or other service providers.

In applying this exemption the Department has balanced the public interest in withholding the information against the public interest in disclosing the information and consider there is no overarching public interest argument in favour of releasing this information as the Department is unable to prejudice its commercial interests.

Thank you for your opinion but as Fol does not require us to generate new information to counter your opinion I can confirm that we have nothing else to add.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

DWP Central Fol Team

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
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