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Dear Ms White

Freedom of Information Request

I refer to your request for information, which was received by the Department for Education (DfE) on 28 August 2018.

You requested:

“Please can you provide me with an up to date list of all Multi Academy Trusts including how many academies are in each trust.

Please can you include contact details (email, telephone number) for each MAT including the head office postal address and the name of the head of estates/facilities where available.

Please provide in excel format if possible.”

I have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and can advise that information for each Multi Academy Trusts (MATs) is available on the department's 'find an establishment group' section on the website <https://get-information-schools.service.gov.uk>.

You can access the data following the steps below:

- On the home page select the find an establishment group;
- Select all establishment group;
- On the left hand side of the page there is an option to select; establishment type (Choose Multi-academy trust);
- You will need to select each MAT individually;
- In response to *“how many academies are in each trust”*; I can advise the number of academies within each trust is available on the tab academies within the brackets;
- For *“contact details”* the postal address is provided on the details tab.

Therefore, under section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide any further information in response to your request because it is already reasonably accessible to you.

Under section 40(2) of the Act, the MATs' email addresses and contact numbers are defined as personal data. Personal data is data that can identify a living individual from that data, or from that data and other information that is likely to be in, or to come into, the possession of the requestor. This means we are unable to share this element of the request because the Act regards disclosure of this personal information as 'unfair' to the individual. Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and is not subject to the public interest test.

We do not hold details of the head of estates/facilities.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number **2018-0035100** in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request, you should make a complaint to the Department by writing to me within two calendar months of the date of this letter. An independent review panel, who were not involved in the original consideration of your request will then consider your complaint.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint to the Department, you may then contact the Information Commissioner's Office.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'amwhyte', written in a cursive style.

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