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Dear Sarah

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Section 1(1)(a) of FOIA states that anyone who requests information from a public authority is entitled to be told whether the authority holds that information.

However, section 40(5B)(a)(i) of FOIA allows a public authority to refuse to confirm or deny if it holds information if that information would (if it existed) be the personal data of a third party.

Disclosure under FOIA is effectively an unlimited disclosure to the public. We must therefore consider the wider public interest issues and general fairness when deciding whether to confirm or deny the information is held.

We must also determine whether such a confirmation or denial would contravene any of the data protection principles.

In that instance, if information were held, disclosure would cause a significant invasion of privacy. There is insufficient legitimate interest to outweigh any data subjects' fundamental rights and freedoms, and that confirming whether the requested information is held would not be lawful.

Please quote the reference number 6395933 in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to:

access2information@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or by writing to us at Information Management, Buckinghamshire Council, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF.

If you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response after the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at www.ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint, by post at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or by calling 0330 123 1113.

I will now close your request as of this date.

Regards

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