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Our reference: BVFOI/195 13 re Leon Nowak

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

You asked for the following information from the Treasury Solicitor's Department ("the Department"):

Information about Leon Nowak - of a deceased person in Swindon 27.10.2002

Your request will be dealt with by the Bona Vacantia Division ("the Division") under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The only information held by the Division concerning Leon Nowak is as follows:

1. The information contained on his death certificate;
2. The information contained in an incomplete kin claim made by a third party to Mr Nowak's estate; and
3. The information that you have provided us in support of your claim to the estate.

You have explained that you do not require the information contained in the incomplete kin claim by a third party. You already hold the information at point 3 above as you have provided it to the Division.

In respect of the information on the death certificate, as the certificate and the information it contains is accessible to you by other means, the Division does not have to release this information.

You can obtain a copy of the death certificate and the information it contains by either contacting Swindon Register Office, Civic Offices, Euclid Street, Swindon SN1 2JH (further information can be obtained from: <http://www.swindon.gov.uk/cm/cm-registration-services/Pages/cm-registration-services-certificates.aspx>) or the General Registrar Office (GRO), PO Box 2, Southport, Merseyside, PR8 2JD or by telephoning 0845 603 7788. Further details can be obtained from the GRO's website at www.direct.gov.uk/gro. The information is reasonably accessible to you by other means and is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Act. This exemption confers absolute exemption from the requirement to provide information pursuant to section 1(1)(b) of the Act.

I note you have previously asked for information concerning Mr. Nowak's funeral. His estate was referred to the Division by Swindon Borough Council, Adult Social Care, Civic Offices, Euclid Street, Swindon SN1 2JH (www.swindon.gov.uk). Swindon Borough Council may hold information about the funeral arrangements or other information about Mr. Nowak.

You have also asked for clarification of the Division's use of the confidentiality exemption. When someone provides information in making a claim to an estate we do not usually disclose that information to any other person, as we consider that the first claimant provides that information to us in confidence, and would not want us to disclose the information to anyone else.

You have provided us with information that may relate to Mr Nowak and his family. In the event that some other person or organisation asked for the information that we hold about Mr Nowak, we would not usually disclose the information that you have provided to us to them for the same reason.