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8 February 2016

Dear [Name]

Thank you for your email of 8 January requesting the following information:

Please provide a copy of the inquiry report surrounding the death of Gavin Williams in 2006. My request is for a copy of the inquiry report/investigating officer’s report.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found enclosed, however some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at Section 40 (Personal Data) and Section 44 (Prohibited by Law) of the FOIA and has been redacted.

Section 40 has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 44 has been applied to some of the information in order to protect information where disclosure is prohibited by law. Section 40 and Section 44 are absolute exemptions and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner’s website, http://www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

[Name]

Army Secretariat