

Freedom of Information Request

FOI/CC/15/13

OISC AND PII

9 April 2015

Dear Sirs

On 5 September 2014 [REDACTION] entered Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation and [REDACTION] of [REDACTION] were appointed as Joint Liquidators' of the company. I have attached a certificate of their appointment for your information.

As regulators of the company we believe you have details of the advisors' Professional Indemnity Insurance. Please could you provide us with details of this, as we have been unable to locate it in the company's records and have not had a response from the director in relation to this.

As I am sure you can understand we are having to deal with a vast amount of unhappy clients and any assistance you can give us would be most appreciated in this matter.

Kind regards

RESPONSE

8 May 2015

Dear Ms Long

I write further to your e-mail of 9 April 2015 in which you requested information relating to [REDACTION] (trading as [REDACTION]) Professional Indemnity Insurance. I am the Commissioner's Information Officer and it is my responsibility to reply to enquiries such as yours.

What you have asked for is information the organisation is obliged to provide to the Commissioner as part of their registration but it constitutes a private commercial arrangement between the organisation and their insurer. The Commissioner is prevented from providing this information under section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act by virtue of section 93 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (as amended), under which the Commissioner is exempted from disclosing information obtained in the course of her function unless done so with lawful authority or with the consent of the individual or organisation concerned. I have considered the exemptions to the provisions within section 93 to establish whether disclosure can be made with lawful authority, and am not satisfied that disclosure of the information can

be justified.

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. Please quote the above reference number in any request for an internal review.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Details on how to do this are on his website at <http://ico.org.uk/>.

Regards

For and on behalf of the Immigration Commissioner