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Our reference: BVFOI/124/17 re Kenneth Reginald Brown

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

You asked for the following information from the Government Legal Department (“the Department”):

What names were given for the deceased in the submittal from Ealing Council and was any information appertaining to next of kin provided and whether any actual names were stated in that regard? I understand that another organisation also referred this estate around the same time in March 2015, can you tell me what names were given for the deceased in their submittal and was any information appertaining to next of kin provided and whether any actual names were stated in that regard?

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

The Division holds some of the information that you have requested.

Ealing Council referred this case to the Division in the name of Reginald Browne. No other names or alternative spellings for the deceased were provided in their subsequent correspondence with the Division.

The Bona Vacantia Division (BVD) of the Government Legal Department administers the estates of people who die without known blood relatives and without leaving a Will. Guidance on our website advises the person making the referral that BVD does not deal with estates where there are known or likely to be entitled relatives who survived the deceased even if these have subsequently died, cannot be traced or do not wish to deal with the estate. At the time of referral, the Council confirmed that no next of kin had been traced therefore no further information is held in this regard.

The Division holds no information in relation to a further referral from another organisation.