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Our Ref           **CR 26174**  
Your Ref  
Date               **31 July 2013**

Dear Mr Beckford

I am writing further to our/my interim response to you on 27 February and the fact that the Department was researching all papers that are available to us and had commissioned an independent internal investigation to establish whether any information is held in response to your FoI request relating to reports about child sex abuse and the Paedophile Information Exchange.

In the interests of transparency the Permanent Secretary commissioned a two-phase independent review. The Independent Reviewer appointed to conduct this exercise has now completed their review and I can confirm that the information you have requested is not held. I attach the Executive Summaries in respect of the interim and final reports for your information as well as the Terms of Reference of the Review. A copy of these will also be placed on the Gov.uk website.

The Permanent Secretary has accepted all of the recommendations from the Independent Reviewer and the Department has implemented all of them.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference CR26174. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response. I am happy to talk to you about our response if you wish to contact me at the telephone number given above.

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Yours sincerely

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