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Our Ref CR 27731
Your Ref
Date 31 July 2013

Dear Mr Wilkinson

I am writing in response to your request of 4 June under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relating to reports about child sex abuse. 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 Fol request.

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 CR27731. 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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As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.



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Yours sincerely

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