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Our reference: BVFOI/263/14 re Joseph Albert Davis

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

You asked for the following information from the Treasury Solicitor's Department ("the Department"):

We believe that we represent an entitled relative in this matter and we would be very grateful if you could confirm the following:

Has a claim been accepted?

If so, what is the claimant's name and relationship to the deceased?

Please could you confirm who is carrying out the Administration of the estate.

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

The Division holds all the information that you have requested.

The papers in this matter were put into storage. It has not, however, been possible to locate those papers despite an extensive search. We will continue to try and locate the papers, but in the meantime are able to provide the limited information held on our electronic records.

We have admitted a claim by the nephew of the deceased, but we has withheld their name as it is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Act. The information is exempt from disclosure because it constitutes the personal data of a living individual as defined in section 1(1) of the Data Protection Act 1998. Disclosure of the information would be in breach of the data protection principles set out in Schedule 1 of that Act. In particular, disclosure of the information would contravene the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data be processed fairly and lawfully.

The administrators are Quantock Research of 138 Wembdon Hill Bridgwater Somerset, TA6 7QB.