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Our reference: BVFOI/455/15 re Roger Burton Broughton

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

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

I would like to know whether anyone else has made a claim on this 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.

I have withheld certain information from the file in relation to other claims as it is exempt from disclosure under section 41 of the Act as the Division considers that the information was received in confidence, and that to reveal the information would constitute an actionable breach of the duty of confidence.

In considering whether disclosure would be an actionable breach of confidence the Division has considered whether there is a public interest in disclosing the information that would outweigh the public interest in keeping the information confidential.

There is a strong public interest in keeping confidential information that has been disclosed in confidence, and in this case there is no specific reason in favour of disclosure of the information. Disclosure would not protect public safety, nor would it expose wrongdoing such as misfeasance, maladministration, negligence or other iniquity on the part of the Division. In this case the Division considers that the public interest in keeping the information confidential outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

For your information, the Division publishes a list of unclaimed estates which have been recently referred, but not yet administered, and historic cases which have not yet been claimed. Any estates where the Bona Vacantia Division (BVD) no longer has an interest, for example, when a fully documented claim to an estate has been received and admitted, will be removed daily. Information in relation to the list can be found on our website www.gov.uk/bonavacantia