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Our reference: BVFOI/353/15 re Levi Hawkes

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

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

Can you please inform us of the relationship of the claimant to the deceased.

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 the relationship of the claimant to the deceased 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 and 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.

