



# Government Legal Department

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Our reference: BVFOI/378/15 re Joseph Whelan

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

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

Details in relation to the deceased's date of birth, place of birth and family.

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 deceased's mother is shown as Julia Whelan on the birth certificate held by the Division, no father is shown. The name of the deceased's mother has now been added to the unclaimed list.

The Division holds information relating to the date and place of the birth of the deceased. This information can be found on the birth and death certificates of the deceased. Certificates can be obtained from the local Registrar where the event took place or from the General Registrar Office (GRO), PO Box 2, Southport, Merseyside, PR8 2JD or by telephoning 0845 603 7788. Further details can be obtained from the GRO's website at <https://www.gov.uk/browse/births-deaths-marriages/register-offices>. To obtain Irish certificates please visit the website at [https://www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/GRO\\_Research.aspx](https://www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/GRO_Research.aspx). The information is reasonably accessible to you by other means and is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Act. This exemption confers absolute exemption from the requirement to provide information pursuant to section 1(1)(b) of the Act.

I have withheld the place of birth of the deceased as it is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Act. This information is reasonably accessible to you by other means (see unclaimed estates list at: <http://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/unclaimed-estates-list>). This exemption confers absolute exemption from the requirement to provide information pursuant to section 1(1) (b) of the Act.

