

Freedom of Information Request

FOI/AD/15/27

DETAILS OF OISC ORGANISATION

16 June 2015

To whom it may concern,

I write to request information about the following company: [REDACTION].

I write to request details around any complaints received by, or about, the company and in relation to any Immigration Advisors that currently work with, or who have previously worked with that company.

In addition, I request any information regarding any shortfalls that the company may have demonstrated during any audits by the OISC.

In addition, are you able to advise on what further information I may access under the freedom of information policies? Am I able to access financial information via the OISC?

Regards,

RESPONSE

17 June 2015

Dear

Thank you for your email. I am an information officer for the OISC and have looked at your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You have requested information about the company [REDACTION], including details of any complaints relating to the company, the results of audits and financial information.

The Commissioner is exempt from providing this information under section 44(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

44 Prohibitions on disclosure.

(1) Information is exempt information if its disclosure (otherwise than under this Act) by the public authority holding it—

(a) is prohibited by or under any enactment,

The Commissioner is so prohibited by section 93(2) of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

(as amended):

93 Information.

[...]

(2) No relevant person may at any time disclose information which—

(a) has been obtained by, or given to, the Commissioner under or for purposes of this Act,

(b) relates to an identified or identifiable individual or business, and

(c) is not at that time, and has not previously been, available to the public from other sources, unless the disclosure is made with lawful authority.

I have considered whether the disclosure would be made with lawful authority under section 93(3) and I am not satisfied that it would be. Therefore disclosure of the information cannot be justified.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request. Please quote the above reference number in any request for an internal review.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Details on how to do this are on his website at <http://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

For and on behalf of the Office for the
Immigration Services Commissioner