



# Government Legal Department

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Our reference: BVFOI/085/17 re Wendy Smith

## 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 the Government Legal Department holds any further information about Wendy, such as details about her exact place of birth, her maiden name (whether it was Smith or Wooldridge), any family members or former addresses. If the GLD holds a copy of Wendy's Birth certificate, would you be able to share details of that?

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

The Division holds some of the information that you have requested.

The Division holds information relating to the maiden name of the deceased. This information can be found on the Bona Vacantia unclaimed list here <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/unclaimed-estates-list> and the death certificate 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>.

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.

The Division holds no further information relating to your request.