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Dear XXX

Thank you for your email, received on 24 May 2018, in which you requested information from the office of the Pubs Code Adjudicator (PCA) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

The Act entitles you to:

- know whether the information you have requested is held by the PCA; and
- be provided with that information, subject to any exemptions in the Act which may apply.

You have requested the following information:

- Dates of any meetings held between July 2016 and April 2018 between the PCA and/ or Deputy Pubs Code Adjudicator (DPCA) and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb), Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) or the British Beer & Pub Association (BBPA), and names of those involved
- Copies of all correspondence between PCA and/ or DPCA and HMRC.

I can confirm that the office of the PCA does hold information relevant to some of your request.

In relation to the first part of your request, some of this information is already published on the PCA's website and is therefore exempt under section 21 of the Act as it is reasonably available to you. The PCA is committed to being transparent in his operations, where the law allows, and publishes records of meetings held with stakeholders where appropriate. Representatives from the BBPA attend the meetings held between the PCA and the Code Compliance Officers of the regulated pub-owning businesses. These records are available to view at www.gov.uk/pca.

Annex A provides the information relating to the first part of your request in relation to meetings held between the PCA and CI Arb, RICS and the BBPA (where this is not currently published on the PCA website). There are no recorded meetings between either the PCA or DPCA and HMRC. The names of PCA officials at a grade below the equivalent grade in the Senior Civil Service and the names of representatives of the organisations are exempt pursuant to section 40(2) of the Act (personal data) as the information meets the first condition in section 40(3) of the Act because the disclosure would contravene the first data protection principle in Article 5(1)(a) of the General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679 in



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relation to lawfulness, fairness and transparency (because it would be unfair to process the personal data of those individuals). We reached this view having discussed the matter with those organisations and we understand that some of these representatives are no longer with these organisations.

No information is held in relation to the second part of your request.

If you do not believe that the office of the PCA has provided an appropriate response to your request, as set out above, you are entitled 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 and should be made in writing, quoting the above reference, to office@pubscodeadjudicator.gov.uk or:

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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. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Annex A



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Record of meetings held between the PCA and CIArb, RICS or BBPA meetings between July 2016 and April 2018

Date	Meeting	Attendees
26 July 2016	RICS	Paul Newby (PCA) PCA officials Representatives of RICS
27 July 2016	BBPA	Paul Newby (PCA) Representatives of BBPA
7 September 2016	RICS	Paul Newby (PCA) PCA officials Representatives of RICS
30 September 2016	RICS	Paul Newby (PCA) Representatives of RICS
19 October 2016	CIArb	Paul Newby (PCA) PCA officials Representatives of CIArb
19 October 2016	RICS	Paul Newby (PCA) Representatives of RICS
11 November 2016	RICS	Paul Newby (PCA) Representatives of RICS
30 November 2016	RICS	PCA PCA officials Representatives of RICS
1 February 2017	BBPA	Paul Newby (PCA) Brigid Simmonds (Chief Executive)



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22 February 2017	RICS	Paul Newby (PCA) Representatives of RICS
25 April 2017	BBPA	Paul Newby (PCA) Brigid Simmonds (Chief Executive)
8 August 2017	RICS	PCA PCA officials BEIS officials Representatives of RICS