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Thank you for your email, received on 17 March 2021 in which you requested information from the office of the Pubs Code Adjudicator (PCA). This has been treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 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 Freedom of Information Act 2000 which may apply.

You have requested the following information:

- *“Please could you also confirm that the office of the PCA does not have a contractor, either contracted directly or via an agency, undertaking work for an on behalf of the PCA.”*

I can confirm that the office of the PCA does not hold information relevant to your request.

You may be aware that the PCA Office cannot employ any staff direct. Under paragraph 9 of Schedule 1 to the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 the PCA may make arrangements for persons to be seconded to the PCA Office to serve as staff. The arrangements may include provision for payment by the PCA to the organisation who employs the staff member, to an agency where that is relevant, or direct to the seconded staff member. The PCA Office therefore does not have any employees and all staff members are engaged via other means. PCA staff have been seconded from government departments, from private sector organisations or as agency workers. The PCA also has made use of, and continues to make use of, resources such as legal support from external law firms in its work and to achieve its regulatory functions.

I trust that this information is of assistance, however if you do not believe that the office of the PCA has provided an appropriate response to your request for information, you are entitled to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two



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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](mailto:office@pubscodeadjudicator.gov.uk).

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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.

Yours sincerely,