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## Committee on Standards in Public Life

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Dear [REDACTED]

You wrote under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

'Please provide to me the full process by which a member of the public may raise a complaint that a government department or other public body has breached the Nolan Principles of Standards in Public life'.

We hold no information in scope of your request.

This is because, the Seven Principles of Public Life are intended to be high level statements and there is no formal mechanism for holding people to account under those principles. The Principles are not a rulebook. They are a guide to institutional administration and personal conduct. It is organisations' codes of conduct against which complaints may be made so if you wish to hold an individual to account or make a complaint about an individual's behaviour, this would be done against the relevant organisation's code of conduct.

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 letter and should be addressed to:

Internal Review Officer  
Committee on Standards in Public Life  
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[London SW1A 2HQ](#)

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Please remember to quote reference number **CSPL-FOI 2309** in any further correspondence relating to this request- for information. 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

CSPL Secretariat

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