2 August 2013

Case Reference Number FS50495920

Dear Professor Trummel

Your information request to the Health and Safety Executive

Thank you for your correspondence in which you complain about the above public authority’s failure to respond to your information request outlined in the following link;

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/geoffrey_podger_and_judith_e_hac#outgoing-263589

When considering complaints about delayed or failed responses to information requests our priority is to ensure requesters receive a response as quickly as possible where one has not been provided, and to monitor any persistent trends which might indicate that a public authority is routinely failing to respond within the statutory timeframe.

We monitor complaints where a serious contravention of section 10 is recorded and where persistent contraventions occur we will consider placing a public authority on our monitoring programme (http://www.ico.org.uk/what_we_cover/promoting_openness/monitoring_compliance.aspx).

I have written to the public authority to provide them with a copy of your original request, reminding them of their responsibilities and asking them to respond to you within 10 working days of receiving our letter. I enclose a copy of my letter to the public authority for your information. If you do not receive any response within 10 working days, please contact us.

The late response will be recorded and as described will form part of our on-going activity to consider the performance of public authorities and the Freedom of Information Act.

The Commissioner does not need to serve a decision notice in an individual case in order to use that case as evidence for future enforcement action. Should you wish the Information Commissioner to issue a decision notice for your specific complaint we are able to do so.

If the public authority responds and refuses to release the information you have asked for and you are dissatisfied, you may, after exhausting their internal complaints procedure, complain to us again.

Thank you for bringing these concerns to the attention of the Information Commissioner. If you require any further assistance then please contact me on the number below.

Yours sincerely

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