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Jacob Smith
By email
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Our reference: CAS-514530-XF429H

Dear Mr Smith

Your request for information

Thank you for your email of 26 May 2026 in which you requested:

- '1. Training materials (including presentation slides, speaking notes, handouts, and other documentation that presenters or participants use or receive) in relation to all active trainings that you deliver, or that you instruct others to deliver, regarding the Prevent counter-extremism programme.*
- 2. Any written guidance that you disseminate, or that you instruct others to disseminate, regarding the Prevent counter-extremism programme.'*

In a further email exchange you confirmed you would like your request to be considered in the same way as a previous information request from your organisation, *'relation to state-funded and independent nursery, primary and secondary schools inspected by Ofsted.'*

We have dealt with your request in accordance with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000. The first requirement of the Act is that we confirm whether we hold information of the description set out in your request.

I can confirm that we hold training materials, scenarios and assessment packages related to the Prevent programme.

We do not hold any other written guidance regarding Prevent.

Under the FOI Act, we must provide you with all the information we hold within the scope of your request, unless it is 'exempt' information. The FOI Act describes circumstances in which information is 'exempt' and therefore does not have to be provided in response to a request.

On this occasion, we have concluded that the exemptions at section 21 and 33 of the FOI Act apply to the information we hold.

Section 21 of the Act applies to information that is accessible to the applicant by other means. Prevent duty guidance is principally addressed in videos published to www.gotostage.com. The links for the videos are below:

<https://www.gotostage.com/channel/ofsted-school-inspector-training-videos>

<https://www.gotostage.com/channel/ofsted-early-years-inspector-training-videos>

<https://www.gotostage.com/channel/ofsted-fes-inspector-training-videos>

<https://www.gotostage.com/channel/ofsted-social-care-inspector-training-videos>

We also hold accompanying remit scenarios and assessment packages, but these are live training materials and used for assessment purposes. We consider the exemption at section 33 of the Act applies to this information.

Section 33(2) of the FOI Act can be used when one public authority audits or inspects other public authorities. The exemption applies if disclosing the information might harm any activity related to such inspections. The Information Commissioner, in his decisions and published guidance, has specifically stated that this exemption relates to Ofsted's inspection work.

If the scenarios and assessment materials were publicly released they would then be accessible to those completing training with us to become inspectors in the future. If these materials were accessed out of context and before the wider training programme has been completed, this would undermine the effectiveness of the training and assessments. This would harm our inspection work.

As section 33 of the FOI Act is a qualified exemption, we must also consider whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

It is in the public interest to withhold the scenarios and assessments, as these materials could harm our inspection function. The main training materials are published online and accessible to anyone who wishes to view them. We are satisfied that the public interest lies in maintaining the exemption.

I trust that this letter clearly explains our position. If you have any queries about our response, please contact me via informationrequest@ofsted.gov.uk and I will do my best to address them.

If you are dissatisfied with our response or the handling of your request, you may request a formal internal review. Details of how to do this are set out in Annex A at the end of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew Purves". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and 'P'.

Matthew Purves

National Director, Ofsted Academy

Annex A - Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with our response or the handling of your request, you may request a formal internal review. To do this, please write to Richard McGowan at informationrequest@ofsted.gov.uk setting out the area(s) of the response you are unhappy with.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether we have complied with our obligations under the FOI Act with respect to your request. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>