

Annex G

Reasons why we have applied section 40(2):

We are not obliged, under section 40(2) of the FOIA, to provide personal information if releasing it would contravene any of the data protection principles. In this instance we believe the release of direct contact details of individual National Audit Office officers would contravene the first data protection principle which requires the processing of personal data to be lawful, fair and transparent. In this instance we do not believe it is necessary or fair to the individual officers to disclose this personal information.

Our policy is to respond to requests as helpfully and promptly as possible. I hope this information is helpful and you are happy with the way we have handled your request. If you are not happy with this response, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days by writing to the NAO FOI Team at FOI@nao.org.uk. 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 primary way of escalating your concerns to the Information Commissioner is at: <https://ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>.