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Reference 2020-0049942

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Via e-mail: peter@kentadvice.co.uk

21 September 2020

Dear Mr Read

Thank you for your request for information received on 29 August 2020. I have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act"). Your request was:

"On 9th October 2019, Mr Smith, of the ESFA wrote to Mr Johnson, MP for Dartford, ref: GJ/SA/90693 about the ESFA investigation into Lilac Sky Schools Academy Trust. He wrote: 'I can confirm that the investigation into Lilac Sky Schools Academy Trust has concluded and that we intend to publish the final version of the report on the gov.uk website, in line with our investigations policy. I recognise there has been a long delay; however, it is important that we investigate allegations thoroughly and this can take time. We will release the report as soon as possible following our established fair and proper process for fact checking'. Can you please confirm if this report has been published and if so, where can I find it. If not, can you please inform me what progress you have made with the established fair and proper process for fact checking, and when you anticipate publication of the report. "

In response to your questions I can confirm:

- the investigation report for Lilac Sky Schools Trust has not yet been published. However, I can confirm that all investigation reports when complete can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/academies-investigation-reports>
- due process is ongoing with regard to this investigation and can take some time to conclude. As a result, we are unfortunately unable to provide further detail or an estimated date of publication at this point.

Please be assured the ESFA remains committed to being fair and transparent about issues relating to how public money is spent and to holding individuals and institutions to account where error and/or irregularity has been established.

Publishing the outcomes of our investigations is an important part of this and we will do so in accordance with our [publication policy](#).

If you have any queries about the release of the information requested, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled, you should make a complaint to the Department by writing to me within two calendar months of the date of this letter. Your complaint will be considered by an independent review panel, which were not involved in the original consideration of your request.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint to the Department, you may then contact the Information Commissioner's Office

Yours sincerely,



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Two years ago the ESFA published the following statement. "The Education and Skills Funding Agency has launched a formal investigation into the SchoolsCompany Trust, which is currently ongoing. Once the investigation is complete, we will publish a full report with our findings on gov.uk." If the findings have been published where can I find them? If not what progress has been made and when is the estimated date of publication

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