

## EXEMPTIONS APPLIED

### **25(1) (information already reasonably accessible).**

Under section 25(1) of FOISA, we do not have to give you information which is already reasonably accessible to you. If, however, you do not have internet access to obtain this information, then please contact me again and I will send you a paper copy, where practicable.

This exemption is subject to the 'public interest test'. Therefore, taking account of all the circumstances of this case, we have considered if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption. We have found that, on balance, the public interest lies in favour of upholding the exemption. We recognise the public interest in transparency on the development of the guidance. However, there is a greater public interest in the final version of the document already published.

### **38(1)(b) (personal data relating to a third party)**

An exemption under section 38(1)(b) of FOISA (personal information) applies to a some of the information requested because it is personal data of a third party, i.e. names and contact details of individuals, and disclosing it would contravene the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation and in section 34(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018. This exemption is not subject to the 'public interest test', so we are not required to consider if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption.