**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000/ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004**

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council’s response to your questions is shown below.

**You asked:**

**I am seeking information regarding the use of Probate Researchers or Probate Research Firms (often referred to as 'heir hunters') by the council. Specifically, I would like to request the following information (in the following, "you" refers to the council / authority for whom you work):**

**Have you used a Probate Researcher or Probate Research Firm (commonly known as 'heir hunters') in any capacity in the last 12 months?**

No.

**Do you have a formal arrangement or contract in place with a Probate Research firm?**

No.

**Have you ever used a Probate Researcher or Probate Research Firm (commonly known as 'heir hunters') in any capacity? This includes but is not limited to engaging their services to trace potential heirs or beneficiaries of deceased estates.**

No.

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, please write, explaining your grounds of appeal, to:

**Internal Review**

**Information Governance & Risk**

**Email:** **info.requests@leicester.gov.uk**