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Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI\_16-068)**

Thank you for your email of 03 March 2016 in which you requested the following information:

- ‘ What was the outcome of the university's investigation into [a named individual's] PhD thesis?*
- If there was no investigation, why then, given the publicly available of evidence of data manipulation therein?’*

We regret that on this occasion we are not able to provide the requested information.

In our response to two previous related requests (UEA refs: FOI\_15-155 and 15-248) we concluded the information requested was exempt under section 40(5) of the Act. We believe the same exemption applies to this new request, specifically the exemption found in s.40(5)(b)(i). As this exemption is engaged, the duty under section 1(1)(a) to disclose whether information is held does not apply.

We can neither confirm nor deny any of the information you have requested is held by the University, as to do so would contravene the first data protection principle of the Data Protection Act 1998.

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Yours sincerely

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