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Hello Bradley

I spoke again yesterday to the whistleblower at the centre of this review in the light of news that the Brian Chaplin contacted by the Home Office, who I subsequently spoke to, was not the Brian Chaplin he remembered. The age and job history are wrong.

The whistleblower was adamant that the Principal (grade 7) responsible for VSU grant administration at the time was called Brian Chaplin spelt exactly as you have it. This leads me to ask some further questions:

1. Are there any reasons why a staff member employed by the VSU at the time in question would disappear from Home Office records? Perhaps their home department was not the Home Office, perhaps they were dismissed ... ??
2. Is there any way of searching back through old Home Office organograms? I vaguely recall some diagrams and charts featuring staff around and about the VSU at the time. Could you dig those out for me again? We might check if any other names are missing from HR records or if this is a problem unique to this Brian Chaplin.
3. Can we try and establish the existence of this Brian Chaplin through others working around the Unit at the time? My favoured approach would be for you to contact Tim Wilson. I would like to ask Tim Wilson about the existence of a Brian Chaplin and hear from him about any light he might shed on WRVS/PIE funding. The whistleblower is adamant he would remember Brian. Other options would be Alan Davies (less satisfactory since he has been in touch with the whistleblower since these events erupted) and/or Geoffrey de Deney, who was spoken to by the previous reviewer. Tim Wilson is my preference.
4. Could you also dig out the notes of the original reviewer's discussions with Geoffrey de Deney and Margaret Clayton please?

With thanks.

Peter
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