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By email

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Dear Ms Bradley,

REF: FOI 34450

Thank you for your email dated 19 February 2015 regarding the number of transgender detainees in immigration removal centres. Your request has been handled as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You have asked the following:

“Please could you provide the number of transgender inmates currently residing in immigration removal centres, and any data with regard to the number of transgender inmates over the last ten years if available? If not available, could you please provide the reason why trans status is not kept on record.”

As at 27 March 2015 there were 5 transgender detainees in immigration removal centres (IRCs).

We do not hold data going back ten years but we can advise you that a total of 21 transgender detainees have been recorded as residing in IRCs during the previous three years.

The data quoted has been taken from management information only and has not been subject to the detailed checks that apply for national statistics publications. These figures are provisional and are subject to change.

Further information on caring for and managing transsexual detainees can be found at the attached link.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/caring-for-and-managing-transsexual-detainees>

I hope you find this response helpful however if you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference 34450. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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Yours sincerely

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