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Dear Ms Bradley,

REF: FOI 34968

Thank you for your emails dated 4 April 2015 regarding transgender detainees in immigration removal centres which for ease have been amalgamated. Your requests have been handled as requests under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You have asked the following which we have answered in turn:

- 1. Could you please provide the number of transgender inmates that have been or currently being held in immigration removal centres broken down by numbers in each centre?*

We advised you in our previous response that there were a total of 26 transgender detainees who were currently or had previously been in immigration removal centres (IRCs) as follows:

Campsfield House – 2, Dover – 1, Heathrow – 7, Morton Hall – 1, Tinsley House – 6, Yarl's Wood – 9.

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.

- 2. Could you also provide information as to where current transgender inmates are being held?*

It is the general policy of the Home Office not to disclose, to a third party, personal information about another person. This is because the Home Office has obligations under the Data Protection Act and in law generally to protect this information. Although you have not specifically asked for personal information, only the numbers and locations, it would

not be appropriate to disclose as this would potentially make an individual readily identifiable.

- 3. Could you please give a provide a breakdown of where transgender asylum seekers that have been house in immigration removal centres over the last 3 years have been deported to?*

Only the numbers, past and present, of transgender detainees held in IRCs are held centrally. Full details of those individuals held over the past 3 years such as their name, country of origin etc are not held centrally so we are unable to advise you where those individuals have been removed to. In addition not all individuals detained in IRCs are asylum seekers as some may have overstayed the dates of their visas or have committed other immigration offences.

- 4. Could you please provide the number of detainees within UK Immigration Removal Centres who are currently receiving treatment for gender dysphoria?*

The information requested is not held centrally but would be recorded on an individual's medical file which is confidential between the individual and their healthcare provider.

- 5. Could you please provide the amount of money that is spent providing treatment for gender dysphoria for transgender inmates at Immigration Removal Centres?*

NHS England took over responsibility for the national procurement of healthcare in IRCs in England from September 2014. Any questions relating to the cost of specific treatment would need to be addressed by them.

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 34968. 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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As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely

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