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Monday 18 January 2021

Dear Mr Dikoff,

Re: Freedom of Information request – 61618

I am writing further to my email of 13 January, regarding your request for information about the absconding rates of people released from immigration detention in 2019 and 2020. Your request, which can be found in full at Annex A, has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I am able to disclose the information above set out in the attached Annex B.

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 foirequests@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk, quoting reference **61618**. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Annex A

-----Original Message-----

From: Brian Dikoff <request-712000-1d18541f@whatdotheyknow.com>

Sent: 09 December 2020 23:12

To: FOI Requests <FOIRequests@homeoffice.gov.uk>

Subject: 61618 - Freedom of Information request - Absconding rate

Dear Home Office,

Please provide information on absconding rates for people released from immigration detention in 2019 and 2020. I have seen FOI request 54858 which asked for a similar number for 2017 and 2018 and would like an update on this.

Thank you

Table 1 - People who have been released from detention and since absconded in 2019 and 2020

<i>Year</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<i>2019</i>	<i>3%</i>
<i>2020</i>	<i>1%</i>

Notes;

- 1. These statistics have been taken from a live operational database. As such, numbers may change as information on that system is updated.**
2. Data extracted on 14/12/2020.
3. All absconder breaches have been considered even if the breach has been resolved.
4. Please note the data includes only those who were 'released' from detention, for example those with a detention closure reason of 'removed' or 'extradited' have been excluded from the results.
5. Where an individual has been detained on more than one occasion within the same year, this is recorded as only one person.
6. Absconder breaches data has been limited up to 30/09/2020 in line with published data