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Dear Ms Tarimo

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 240312030

Thank you for your request dated 12 March in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

- 1. As of 2020, what is the current official policy in relation providing anti-libidinal interventions to convicted sex offenders?**
- 2. Does there exist a set programme for anti-libidinal interventions within prisons?**
- 3. Which UK prisons offer anti-libidinal interventions to convicted sex offenders?**
- 4. How many prisoners have volunteered for anti-libidinal interventions?**
- 5. How many offenders in prison or detention under the Mental Health Act 1983 have received anti-libidinal interventions ?**
- 6. Are anti-libidinal interventions coupled with cognitive-behavioural therapy, and if yes, is this a requirement throughout the prisons ?**

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

I have considered your request for information, but I am afraid I am still unable to answer it without further clarification. Section 1(3) of the FOIA does not oblige us to answer requests where we require further clarification to identify and locate the information requested.

So that I provide you with the right information, please can you clarify what you mean by “anti-libidinal medication.” Is this term referring to medication to manage sexual arousal, or do you specifically want to know **only** about anti-libidinal medication? In respect of question four, please can you clarify the timescale. On receipt of this information, I will continue to process your request.

The MOJ does not hold any information in the scope of your request for question five. This is because people detained under the mental health act are held in secure hospitals which are the responsibility of NHS England. Therefore, for you may wish to contact NHS England as they may hold some of the information you requested.

Additionally, it may be helpful if I explain that the MOJ is responsible for prisons in England and Wales. Justice is a devolved matter in Scotland and Northern Ireland. The Scottish Prison Service (SPS), an agency of the Scottish Government, operates Scottish prisons.

Similarly, the Northern Ireland Prison Service is responsible for the management of prisons in Northern Ireland.

The contact details for NHS England are:

NHS England
PO Box 16738
Redditch
B97 9PT

Email: england.contactus@nhs.net

To request this information for prisons in Wales, you should direct your enquiry to the relevant local health boards. These are:

- Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board for HMP Swansea
- Aneurin Bevan University Health Board for HMP Usk and Prescoed
- Cardiff and Vale University Health Board for HMP Cardiff
- Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board for HMP Berwyn

The contact details of the individual boards are available via the following link:

<https://phw.nhs.wales/use-of-site/contact-us/freedom-of-information/>

For this information in relation to Scottish prisons, you should write to the SPS at the following address:

Communications Branch
Room G20
Calton House
5 Redheughs Rigg
Edinburgh
EH12 9HW

Email: gaolinfo@sps.pnn.gov.uk

You can also write to the Northern Ireland Department of Justice, which is responsible for prisons in Northern Ireland, at the following address:

Department of Justice
Freedom of Information Team
Information Services Division
Block 2
Knockview Buildings
Ballymiscaw
Stormont
Belfast

BT4 3SL

Email: foi@justice-ni.x.gsi.gov.uk

The FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. The duty is to only provide the recorded information held.

Yours sincerely

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