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Dear Mr Maloney

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 190121013**

Thank you for your request dated the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 in which you have asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

**“For the Family Court hearing centres at Peterborough Combined Court Centre and Cambridge Count Court, please provide information on the current delay between issuing an application for a Child Arrangements Order under the Children Act 1989 and the First Hearing Dispute Resolution Appointment (FHDRA)?**

**Please indicate if this delay conforms to the requirements of Practice Direction 12B ([http://www.justice.gov.uk/courts/procedure-rules/family/practice\\_directions/pd\\_part\\_12b#para14.1](http://www.justice.gov.uk/courts/procedure-rules/family/practice_directions/pd_part_12b#para14.1)) that the hearing should take place ordinarily in week 5 after the application is issued?”**

Your request is being handled under the FOIA. I have considered your request for information but I am 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 explain what information are asking us to disclose about the current delay between issuing an application for a Child Arrangements Order under the Children Act 1989 and the First Hearing Dispute Resolution Appointment (FHDRA). For example, are you asking how many applications have been listed later than week 5 and, if so, what time period are you asking for this information?

If you would like some guidance about on how to structure successful requests, please see the information published on the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) website at the following link: [http://ico.org.uk/for\\_the\\_public/official\\_information](http://ico.org.uk/for_the_public/official_information)

On receipt of this information we will continue to process your request.

Yours sincerely

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