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Dear Mr Bloom,

## Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 210408012

Thank you for your request to the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) received on 8 April 2021 in which you asked for the following information

## For the period 01/03/2020 to 07/04/2021:

- Please unequivocally confirm, 'which Coroner's Court Area' had legal jurisdiction of Carmel Bloom's September 2016 Inquest (held in Royal Court Justice, Strand, London) presided by Appointed deputy Asst. Coroner Karon Monaghan QC, following the High Court's 17 July 2014 quashing of 2005 Inquest verdict at LBHF West London Coroner's Court
- 2. Please advise which jurisdiction/ Local Authority/ Coroner's Area funded Carmel Bloom's September 2016 (third) Inquest (held in Royal Court Justice) and what was the total cost of same?

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

The MoJ does not hold any information within the scope of your request because there is no legal or business requirement to do so.

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.

Outside of the FOIA, I can tell you that whilst the MoJ has responsibility for coroner law and policy, it has no role in the operation of coroner services, as they are a local service, funded and administered by individual local authorities.

## **Appeal Rights**

If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to request an internal review by responding in writing to one of the addresses below within two months of the date of this response.

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Disclosure Team, Ministry of Justice, 10.38, 102 Petty France, London, SW1H 9AJ

You have the right to ask the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to investigate any aspect of your complaint. However, please note that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning their investigation.

Yours sincerely,

**Ammaar Ahmed Ministry of Justice**