



# HM Courts & Tribunals Service

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## Freedom of Information Request

Dear Mr Ballard,

Thank you for your email of 3 November 2014, in which you asked for the following information from Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service (HMCTS):

***"Dear Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service, I wish to know where the official audio recordings of civil cases held at Dudley County Court, West Midlands are stored and how long these are retained"***

Your request has been passed to me because I have responsibility for answering requests relating to HMCTS Midland Region.

Your request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Under the Act, the department is required to provide you with a response within 20 working days. I will write to you in response to your request for information by 1 December 2014.

The Freedom of Information Act includes a number of exemptions to releasing information. Some of these are qualified exemptions which require us to consider whether it is in the public interest to disclose or withhold the information. In these circumstances we may need more time to consider your request, and if this is the case I will write to you by the date above to inform you of when you can expect to receive a response.

If you have any queries regarding this request please do not hesitate to contact me, quoting ref: FOI/94192 in all future correspondence.

Yours sincerely

Knowledge and Information Liaison Officer