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Monday 1 February 2021

Dear Ms Atkinson,

Re: Freedom of Information request – 61378

Thank you for your email correspondence of 24 November 2020, in which you ask for information about the number of enforcement visits made between 2015 and 2019 to care homes. Your request, which can be found in full at Annex A, have been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the delay in replying to your correspondence.

Please find attached, at Annex B, the data we are able to provide in response to your request for information about enforcement visits to care homes of care providers.

With regards to your request for information about compliance and marriage investigation visits to residential addresses, I can confirm that under section 12 of the Act, the Home Office is not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the cost limit.

We hold the information you have requested but we have estimated the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £600 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. We are, therefore, unable to comply with your enquiry at this time.

Please note we do not record, in a reportable field, information relating to enforcement visits that are specifically listed as compliance and marriage investigation visits. Without conducting a manual review of each visit and arrest between 2015 and 2019, we are unable to extract this information requested. We estimate that a manual review of each record could only be conducted at disproportionate cost and we would, therefore, look to exempt providing this data on the grounds of cost under section 12 of the FOI Act.

The £600 limit is based on work being carried out at a rate of £25 per hour, which equates to 24 hours of work per request. The cost of locating, retrieving and extracting information can be included in the costs for these purposes. The costs do not include considering whether any information is exempt from disclosure, overheads such as heating or lighting, or items such as photocopying or postage.

We note that your requests were amalgamated, however, we can confirm that separation of these requests would still result in a disproportionate cost and provision of the data would be exempt under section 12 of the FOIA.

If you refine your request, so that it is more likely to fall under the cost limit, we will consider it again. However, as we do not hold a data source for this type of information, it is likely that a manual check would still be required thus exceeding the cost limit. Therefore we are unable to offer any suggestions for how you can refine our request.

Please note that if you simply break down your request into a series of similar smaller requests, we might still decline to answer it if the total cost exceeds £600. Even if a revised request were to fall within the cost limit, it is possible that other exemptions in the Act might apply.

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.gov.uk, quoting reference **61378**. 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

From: Mary Atkinson <request-708342-545fedf6@whatdotheyknow.com>
Sent: 24 November 2020 00:24
To: FOI Requests <FOIRequests@homeoffice.gov.uk>
Subject: Freedom of Information request - Enforcement visits at residential address

Dear Home Office,

Please treat the following as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please disclose, on an annual basis for the years 2015 to 2019 inclusive, the number of enforcement visits to care homes or care providers, as described in Home Office guidance on Enforcement Visits, accessible on page 23 here:
https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fassets.publishing.service.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fuploads%2Fsystem%2Fuploads%2Fattachment_data%2Ffile%2F584655%2FEnforcement-visits-v2.pdf&data=04%7C01%7CFOIRequests%40homeoffice.gov.uk%7C625906e4f79f4a5f8acf08d8900f38bb%7Cf24d93ecb2914192a08af182245945c2%7C0%7C1%7C637417742938543477%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWlloiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C2000&sdata=BP9IQ5unJVRfB3fj%2FVxkhR7SKwgM7T9SUhl%2Bc6qY9Uc%3D&reserved=0

Please also supply the number of individuals arrested as a results of enforcement visits to care homes or care providers, for the same dates as above. If possible, please provide a breakdown of subsequent action / outcomes (i.e. number of removals effected).

Yours faithfully,

Mary Atkinson

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From: Mary Atkinson <request-708343-ba070c60@whatdotheyknow.com>
Sent: 24 November 2020 00:50
To: FOI Requests <FOIRequests@homeoffice.gov.uk>
Subject: Freedom of Information request - Enforcement visits to residential premises

Dear Home Office,

Please treat the following as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please disclose, on an annual basis for the years 2015 to 2019 inclusive, the number of enforcement visits to residential premises, as described in Home Office guidance on Enforcement Visits, accessible on page 9 here:
https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fassets.publishing.service.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fuploads%2Fsystem%2Fuploads%2Fattachment_data%2Ffile%2F584655%2FEnforcement-visits-v2.pdf&data=04%7C01%7CFOIRequests%40homeoffice.gov.uk%7Cfc141684636d43e129c508d89012d23f%7Cf24d93ecb2914192a08af182245945c2%7C0%7C1%7C637417758359815756%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWlloiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C2000&sdata=BP9IQ5unJVRfB3fj%2FVxkhR7SKwgM7T9SUhl%2Bc6qY9Uc%3D&reserved=0

uMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C2000&sdata=ZnwcOYV4euB8r1rlfS
gn7y1eAoZET3Liz0pGkKAgwPk%3D&reserved=0

Please specify a breakdown, if applicable, of the number of such enforcement visits that were listed as compliance and marriage investigation visits.

Please also supply the number of individuals arrested as a results of enforcement visits to residential premises (broken down into arrests at general enforcement visits and those arising from compliance and marriage investigation visits), for the same dates as above. If possible, please provide a breakdown of subsequent action / outcomes (i.e. number of removals effected).

Yours faithfully,

Mary Atkinson

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