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Jake Hurfurt

By email: via Whatdotheyknow.com x 120 IMBs

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Dear Jake Hurfurt,

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request

Thank you for your 110 requests dated 5 September in which you asked for the following information from each of the Independent Monitoring Boards (IMB)

I am writing to request the following information

- Any gang matrices created and used by your prison
- Any documents with the gang names and details of gangs (ie identifying ideologies, clothing markers etc) held by your prison

Please exclude any information about individual members from this request - I am only seeking information at gang-level

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

The Independent Monitoring Boards do not hold information in the scope of your request.

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. The IMB does not record data on gang matrices as part of its monitoring activities.

You may wish to contact the Ministry of Justice as they may hold the information requested. You can make a request to the Ministry of Justice using the following contact address:

Data.access@justice.gov.uk

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

You do 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.

You can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Internet address: https://www.ico.gov.uk/Global/contact_us.aspx

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of the Independent Monitoring Boards