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Dear Mr Leech,

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – FOI 2020/06

Thank you for your email, received on 8 May 2020, in which you asked for the following information:

Please provide a list of cases - not summaries of decisions taken - that appeared before the Parole Board in April 2020 where a decision was made to either a. grant release on parole, or b. recommend a transfer to open conditions

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

I can confirm the Parole Board holds the information you have requested. However, this information is exempt under Section 44(1)(a) of the FOIA as it is prohibited under the Parole Board Rules 2019. Under this exemption we are not required to consider whether releasing the information was in the public interest. The Parole Board Rules Rule 27(5) reads, 'subject to paragraph (1) information about proceedings under these Rules must not be disclosed, except insofar as the Board chair directs'. Further details of this can be found here:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2019/1038/contents/made>

Appeal Rights

If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to request an internal review by responding in writing to Gary Hopper, Head of Corporate Services, at gary.hopper@paroleboard.gov.uk 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.

Yours sincerely

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