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Dear Mr Leibowitz

### **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 221101044**

Thank you for your requests dated 1 November 2022 in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

#### **Request 1:**

**I am seeking information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding data held by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) on the use of separation within prisons.**

**Specifically, I am requesting the following information:**

- (1) How many prisoners are currently in Care and Separation Units within English and Welsh prisons, broken down by (a) age, (b) gender and (c) ethnicity?**
- (2) How many prisoners have been held in Care and Separation Units within English and Welsh prisons, broken down by (a) age, (b) gender and (c) ethnicity, for each year in the past five years for which data is available?**
- (3) On average, how long do prisoners spend in Care and Separation Units in English and Welsh prisons, for each year in the past five years for which data is available, broken down by (a) age, (b) gender and (c) ethnicity?**
- (4) On average, how many hours do prisoners within Care and Separation Units in England and Wales spend inside their cells, for each year in the past five years for which data is available, broken down by (a) age, (b) gender and (c) ethnicity?**

#### **Request 2:**

**I am seeking information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding data held by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) on people held on remand.**

**Specifically, I am requesting the following information:**

- (1) How many people are currently being held in remand beyond the statutory limit of 182 days for Crown Court cases?**
- (2) How many people are currently being held in remand beyond the 56 day statutory limit for Magistrates' court cases?**

**Request 3:**

**I am seeking information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding data held by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) on people held on remand.**

**Specifically, I am requesting the following information: on average, how long are defendants held in custody on remand? Please provide data on each year for the past five years for which data is available, and if possible, please break down by offence type.**

Where more than one request is received for the same or similar information, section 5(2) of the FOI and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 allows public authorities to aggregate requests and respond to them together I have therefore aggregated your requests of 1 November 2022 as reproduced above.

Your requests are being handled under the FOIA.

The MoJ is required to provide you with a response within 20 working days. I will send you a response to your requests by 29 November 2022.

Yours sincerely

**Data and Evidence as a Service (DES),  
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