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Dear Mr Murrell,

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 190815017

Thank you for your request dated 15 August in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

- 1) The number of prisoners at HMP Ford who have been approved for self-sourced work in the last 12 months;**
- 2) the ages of the people so approved; and,**
- 3) the nature of the jobs for which approval was given.**

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

I can confirm that the MoJ holds the information that you have requested. I provide below the information sought at item 1):

11 offenders have been approved for self-sourced work in the last 12 months.

The information requested at items 2 and 3 is not being provided, however, as it is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the FOIA. This is because it contains personal data.

If a request is made for information that could lead to the identification of individuals, the MoJ must consider whether disclosure of this information would be in breach of our statutory obligations under the General Data Protection Regulation and/or the Data Protection Act 2018. We believe that the release of this information would risk identification of the individuals concerned.

Personal data can only be released if to do so would not contravene any of the data protection principles set out in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation and section 34(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018. We believe releasing the requested information into the public domain would be unlawful. Individuals have a clear and strong expectation that their personal data will be held in confidence and not disclosed to the public under the FOIA.

This is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test.

HMP Ford works with offenders to provide the most suitable pathway to community re-integration for each individual. Securing employment, alongside having a stable support network, is the key to instilling a sense of purpose and self-worth, which are the foundations on which offenders can build fulfilling, law-abiding lives. Offenders are encouraged to engage with initiatives such as self-sourced work and volunteer sector placements, either to re-acclimatise to, or, to be introduced to, the working environment. HMP Ford will risk assess each application on a case by case basis, and regularly reviews initiatives to ensure that they meet the needs of the population.

Appeal Rights

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

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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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Briefing and Correspondence Team