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Dear Mr Levack

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 201111018

Thank you for your request dated 11th November for an Internal Review of FOI 201024008 in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

I write with reference to the recent controversy regarding the order from the Senior Presiding Judge that HHJ Raynor be debarred from hearing a custody time limit application in a case (P and Others) in the Crown Court at Woolwich. You will be aware that in that case the SPJ ordered that any CTL application be heard by a High Court Judge.

I write to invite disclosure of the policy which lead to this decision. How does the SPJ decide which judges should hear CTL applications. What are the criteria for deployment of members of the High Court bench to hear such applications in trials for which a member of the circuit bench is nominated trial judge?

Your request is being handled under the FOIA.

A review is currently being conducted and a response will be issued to you in due course.

The MoJ aims to provide you with a response within 20 working days, in accordance with the Information Commissioner's Office's recommendation.

If you have any queries regarding this Internal Review please do not hesitate to contact the above address quoting the reference number **201111018** in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

Judicial Office