

24 August 2018

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Dear Mr Callander,

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request - 180609002

Thank you for your request dated 28 July, in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

I am trying to find out what the policy is at HMP Moorland Closed re handing books in for prisoners. The Howard League website states that this is allowed, however signs at HMP Moorland Visitor Centre forbid it.

I wish to be informed by email of the correct policy for bringing books in for prisoners.

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

I can confirm that the MoJ hold the information within the scope of your request. The policy at HMP Moorland on bringing books in for prisoners, is set out in line with Prison Service Instruction 30/2013 (PSI 30/2013) and complimented by the Public Protection Manual. Unless prohibited by the Public Protection Manual, books must be allowed to be handed or sent in unless the Governor has any concerns about a particular book that could possibly heighten risk generally or for a particular prisoner. Prisoners must still abide by volumetric control levels.

Also in response to your request, after consulting with colleagues, I can confirm that the Head of Operations at HMP Moorland has removed the unofficial, undated poster which was displayed in the visiting area.

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.

data.access@justice.gsi.gov.uk

Disclosure Team, Ministry of Justice, 10.38, 102 Petty France, London, SW1H 9AJ

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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