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Dear Burcu Borysik

### **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 181219015**

Thank you for your request dated 19 December 2018 in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

**Please release 1 year proven reoffending rates of men sentenced to less than 12 months; less than 6 months and less than 3 months.**

Your request is being handled under the FOIA.

I can confirm that the MoJ holds the information that you have requested and I have provided it in the attached table.

The table shows the proven one year reoffending rate for male adult offenders given a custodial sentence, by the requested sentence lengths, for the three-monthly cohorts over the last year (up to October to December 2016 – latest currently available) in England and Wales.

A proven reoffence is defined as any offence committed in a one-year follow-up period that resulted in a court conviction, or caution in the one-year follow-up or a further six month waiting period, to allow time for cases to progress through the courts.

Further information about proven reoffending including the methodology used to compile these statistics can be found in the *Guide to Proven Reoffending Statistics*, linked below:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/751250/guide-to-proven-reoffending-statistics-oct18.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/751250/guide-to-proven-reoffending-statistics-oct18.pdf)

Public protection is our priority and we are absolutely committed to reducing reoffending. Our probation reforms mean we are monitoring 40,000 offenders who would previously have been released with no supervision at all. Offenders on licence are subject to strict conditions and are liable to be recalled to custody if they breach them.

Yours sincerely

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