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Our ref: FOI 2019/03

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Dear Mr Leech,

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – FOI 2019/03

Thank you for your email of 21 January 2019, in which you asked:

***For the periods 2016/17, and 2017/2018:
In how many cases did the Parole Board fail to comply with the
mandatory requirement in Rule 24(1) to communicate the decision of
the Oral Panel within 14 days to the prisoner?***

I can confirm that the Parole Board holds the information that you have requested, and I can confirm that in 2016-17 the Parole Board failed to communicate the decision of an oral hearing in 973 of 5,146 decisions, and in 2017-18 in 1,093 of 5,181 decisions.

Please note that these data were extracted from PPUD, our case management system, specifically to answer this question and have not been subject to our usual quality assurance process. It is a live system and data can occasionally be entered incorrectly due to human error.

Appeal Rights

If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to request an internal review by responding in writing to Gary Hopper, Head of Corporate Services, at gary.hopper@paroleboard.gov.uk within two months of the date of this response.

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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The Parole Board for England and Wales

