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Dear Mark

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 190924011**

Thank you for your request dated 24 September 2019 in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

**"I refer to this video produced by HMCTS Who's Who in the Magistrates' Court  
<https://youtu.be/xY35CKCQpfs>**

- 1. Can you please tell me the total cost of this video in terms of production and distribution.**
- 2. What was the budget for this Video?**
- 3. Can I have a copy of the Minutes of the meetin...g where this Video was signed off for release by HMCTS?**

**This video has rightly come in for major criticism - not least from Chief Probation Officers and Directors of HMPPS for its failure to give any prominence at all to the 1000 Probation officers who work daily in our Magistrates Court - YOUR Magistrates Courts - how on earth could you have overlooked them?."**

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

I can confirm that the Ministry of Justice holds some of the information that you have requested and this is provided below:

1. There was no cost associated with the production of this video. It was produced by the HMCTS communications team as part of routine work, and published online. There were therefore no distribution costs either.
2. There was no budget for the video as it was produced by the HMCTS communications team.
3. The information requested is not held by HMCTS. The video was created as an animated alternative to our existing "Who's who in a Magistrates' Court" poster. The poster itself was an update of an older poster previously displayed in courts. A new

poster has now been developed which includes probation officers. This is using wording suggested by the National Probation Service. We are preparing to issue this new poster shortly and will be updating the video at the same time.

### **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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