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(Sent by email only)

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Ref: Janes/07/2023

Re: FOI Request – Revised request – Last Quarter data – Represented IPP Licence Terminations

Dear Dr Janes,

Our office has received your Freedom of Information request dated 14 July 2023.

You have requested the following information, which is presented below (*in italics*) extracted from your letter:

The number of IPP/DPP terminations considered in the last quarter for which you have data?

Can you please outline the number of those applications where the applicant was represented?

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

We can confirm the Parole Board does hold the information you have requested.

As per our previous response issued on 13 July 2023, this data is recorded within each parole review case. IPP Licence terminations are recorded on the offender's record and so it is difficult to tell if the offender was represented for the IPP licence termination specifically. Your previous request was exempt under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. We advised you on ways to refine your request and you have now requested the Parole Board's data for quarter 1 of 2023 (Mar-May 2023).

As you are aware once 10 years has passed individuals sentenced to an IPP or DPP sentence have the right or are automatically referred to the Parole Board by the Secretary of State under section 31A of the Crime (Sentences) Act 1997 to apply/ be given consideration to whether or not it would be appropriate to terminate their licence 10 years after their initial release, regardless of whether they have subsequently been recalled and re-released.



Should the Board not agree to termination of the licence then they are also asked under sections 31 and 32 of the Crime (Sentences) Act 1997 to consider whether or not it would be appropriate to suspend the supervisory elements of the licence or add/amend/vary any additional conditions contained within the licence.

For March to May 2023 there were 148 IPP licence termination applications.

As mentioned above for some applications it is difficult to tell if the offender was represented for their licence termination specifically, if there were no legal representations present within the dossier and a solicitor was not listed, we took that as not represented specifically for the IPP licence termination application.

Out of 148 IPP and DPP licence termination applications 126 were not represented or no legal representations present within the dossier and 22 were legally represented during the process of the licence termination. Within the 148 applications there were 7 duplicate applications as cases often go back to the Public Protection Casework Section (PPCS) for re-referral or for further directions but are recorded twice within the data set as the duty members review each licence condition application that is received by the Secretary of State.

We hope that this satisfies your request. You have the right to appeal if you consider that we have not accurately responded to your original request. Details can be found in the 'How to Appeal' section at the end of this letter.

Thank you again for contacting the Parole Board.

Yours sincerely

Governance Team
Parole Board for England and Wales

How to Appeal - Internal Review

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to an internal review.

The handling of your appeal will be reviewed by a senior manager and they will make a decision as to whether we answered your request correctly.

If you would like to request a review, please write or send an email within 21 days of the date of this letter to foirequests@paroleboard.gov.uk

Information Commissioner's Office

If you remain dissatisfied after an internal review decision, you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner's Office. The Commissioner is an independent regulator who has the power to direct us to respond to your request differently, if they consider that we have handled it incorrectly.

You can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at the following website:
https://www.ico.gov.uk/Global/contact_us.aspx