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Dear Dr Janes

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 230523024

Thank you for your request dated 23 May in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

Can you please provide me with list of all the specialist PIPE, progression and other specialist regimes within the prison estate and any brochures or written information about them?

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

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

However, some of the information is being withheld under Section 40(2) of the FOIA, because it contains personal information (redacted personal contact details and faces in photographs), and, under Section 21 of the FOIA, because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means (Progression Regime Policy Framework – web address provided below, and 'The Care and Management of Individuals who are Transgender' policy framework, also below). Additionally, some of the information (internal functional email addresses) has been redacted because it is not within scope of the request.

Section 40(2) and section 40(3A)(a) of the FOIA taken together mean that personal data can only be released if to do so would not contravene any of the principles set out in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and section 34(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018.

Individuals have a clear and strong expectation that their personal data will be held in confidence and not disclosed to the public under the FOIA. Also, although s40 is an absolute exemption, we have considered whether there is a wider public interest in disclosing this personal information, that would override the fundamental rights of those concerned. We have concluded there is no such public interest in this instance.

We believe releasing the requested information into the public domain would be unlawful; the personal information is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 40(2).

This is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test under the FOIA.

The information which is not exempt from disclosure and therefore can be disclosed to you is as follows:

Progression Regimes

HMPPS operate four Progression Regimes (PRs) in closed, adult male category C prisons (HMP Humber, HMP Buckley Hall, HMP Warren Hill and HMP Erlestoke), which provide opportunities for prisoners meeting both the eligibility and suitability criteria. Whilst there is a particular focus on those serving indeterminate sentences, the PR aims to enable all on the regime to gain a fuller understanding of their risks and problematic behaviours, and the required support to address them.

The PR operates a three-stage progressive process with reviews at each stage linked to the Enhanced Behaviour Monitoring (EBM) process. It may also be of interest to you that the PR at HMP Warren Hill was awarded Enabling Environment (EE) accreditation in 2019. The EE award recognises healthy psychosocial environments, whilst supporting the development of good practice in constructing and sustaining them. This gives prisoners the opportunity to build evidence - in an environment that requires them to take personal responsibility for their lives and their progress - to demonstrate to the Parole Board that their risks can be safely managed in the community upon release.

The following are documents from the four prisons with PRs:

Annex A - HMP Buckley Hall ASPIRE Unit - Welcome Leaflet
Annex B - HMP Erlestoke - The View - Welcome PR resident leaflet 2022
Annex C (i) - HMP Humber - HOPE Unit - Welcome Information
Annex C (ii) - HMP Humber - PR Promotion PowerPoint for Prisoners
Annex D (i) - HMP Warren Hill - TC Criteria
Annex D (ii) - HMP Warren Hill - Public Protection Information
Annex D (iii) - HMP Warren Hill -Referral Pack for Prisoners 2022
Annex D (iv) - HMP Warren Hill - TC Promotional Booklet 2022
Annex D (v) - HMP Warren Hill - TC Constitution 2022
Annex D (vi) - HMP Warren Hill - TC Medication policy

As mentioned, some of the information is exempt from disclosure under s.21 FOIA because it is reasonably accessible to you. This is provided below.

The Progression Regime Policy Framework can be found using the link provided:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/progression-regimes>

Offender Personality Disorder (OPD) Pathway

The Offender Personality Disorder (OPD) pathway programme is an initiative, jointly commissioned with the NHS, that aims to provide a pathway of psychologically informed services for a highly complex and challenging offender group, who are likely to meet the criteria for a diagnosis of 'personality disorder', and who pose a high risk of harm to others, or a high risk of reoffending in a harmful way. Attached are the two brochures covering these services, for men and women.

Annex E (i) - OPD Pathway Service Criteria Men May 2023
Annex E (ii) - OPD Pathway Service Criteria Women May 2023

'Discrete Units' within the Directorate of Security, including Long-Term High Security

Annex F - DoS Discrete Unit Brochure Jan 2022

Substance Misuse Units

Incentivised Substance Free Living Wings are dedicated recovery wings, which pair incentives with regular drug testing and engagement with treatment. There are currently 58 open across the estate.

Drug Recovery Wings provide more intensive support for prisoners who are ready for abstinence from both illicit drugs and prescribed substitutes such as methadone. There are currently 7 open across the estate.

Youth Estate

HMP/YOI Feltham (A) have a 'Respite and Reintegration' (R & R) Unit for children who would benefit from a short period of separation and prompt reintegration back into mainstream services. HMP/YOI Feltham also has and an Enhanced Support Unit (ESU) for children not responding, and not likely to respond, to either a mainstream or specialist pathway.

HMYOI Wetherby also has an ESU, as well as a specialist Girls Unit, and Keppel Unit, which it is a specialist unit for children who need the safety and security of a specialist environment, but whose behaviour is not as exceptionally complex as to need the enhanced support at a level provided in the ESU. Additionally, HMYOI Wetherby also have a 'Progressive Unit' which is similar to the R & R unit at HMP/YOI Feltham.

HMYOIs Werrington and Cookham Wood are currently developing their specialist support units, to provide a type of R and R function at each site.

Transgender Prisoners

HMP Downview's E Wing provides separate accommodation in the women's estate for transgender women with Gender Recognition Certificates (GRC) who pose, or face, too high a risk to be located in the general women's or men's population. The circumstances in which a transgender woman may be considered for placement in separate accommodation is detailed in ['The Care and Management of Individuals who are Transgender' policy framework](#).

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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