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Dear Mrs Hallett

### **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 200805015**

Thank you for your request dated 5 August in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

**“... we would like to request a copy of the said ‘Operational Assessment’ that was used to recommend introducing men convicted of sexual offences to HMP Hollesley Bay.”**

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

The MoJ previously replied to your request for information on 15 April 2019. In accordance with section 14(2) of the FOIA, the MoJ is not required to reply to you, if any substantially similar or identical request is received within a reasonable time period since complying with your original request.

The information you have requested was included in the documents submitted to the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) for their investigation into the MoJ’s Internal Review (reference: IR 190523002). This was in relation to your FOI request (reference: FOI 190415037) submitted on 15 April 2019 where the entire request was rejected under the FOI exemption of sec 35(1)(a) which relates to the development of government policy.

The ICO subsequently upheld the MoJ’s decision not to disclose the information that you requested in their ruling in Decision Notice FS5087200. The ICO did however instruct the MoJ to provide you with one document namely the “2018.07.13 Submission of Handling of Hollesley Bay” in a redacted format which was provided to you on 18 May 2020.

We have complied with the Decision Notice and are not required to disclose further parts of the information covered in your initial request and repeated in your request dated 5 August. Any further Internal Review will merely reiterate the findings contained in the Decision Notice ruling and could potentially result in any further related questions on the same subject being treated as vexatious under sec 14(1).

If you are not satisfied with the judgement of the ICO you have a right of appeal and details are given below regarding how to appeal the ICO’s ruling by going to the First Tier Tribunal.

## 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 have the right to appeal against the original Decision Notice and the ICO's ruling to the First-Tier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process may be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights)  
GRG & GRP Tribunals,  
PO Box 9300,  
LEICESTER,  
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Tel: 0300 1234504

Fax: 0870 739 5836

Email: [grc@justice.gov.uk](mailto:grc@justice.gov.uk)

Website: [www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber](http://www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber).

Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which the decision notice was sent.

Yours sincerely

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