

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**  
**Decision notice**

**Date:** 15 October 2024

**Public Authority:** Ministry of Justice

**Address:** 102 Petty France  
London  
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**Request:**

The complainant requested the following information from the Ministry of Justice on 6 March 2024:

"Was Bromine unknowingly give to children that were detained in detention centres during 1960 to 1980."

After receiving no response, the complainant added to their request on 23 April 2024:

"There is evidence that Bromine along with other drugs were unknowingly give to children that were detained in detention centres during 1960 to 1980.

Under the FOIA please provide me with all applicable laws/acts/policies and procedures etc that permit this to happen".

The Ministry of Justice provided its response on 27 June 2024.

**Commissioner's Decision:**

A public authority will breach section 10 of FOIA if it fails to respond to a request within 20 working days. From the evidence presented to the Commissioner in this case, the Ministry of Justice failed to respond to the request within 20 workings days, and therefore breached section 10 of FOIA.

The Commissioner does not require the Ministry of Justice to take any steps as a result of this decision notice.

**Right of Appeal:**

Either party has the right to appeal against this decision notice to the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process may be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights)  
GRC & GRP Tribunals,  
PO Box 9300,  
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LE1 8DJ

Tel: 0203 936 8963

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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 this decision notice is sent.

**Information Commissioner  
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