

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Decision notice

Date: 13 March 2025

Public Authority: Ministry of Justice

Address: 102 Petty France
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1. Request:

The complainant requested the following information from the Ministry of Justice on 9 December 2024:

"May I please access and obtain the single year age breakdown of the current White British and White Other population in prison in June 2021?"

The Ministry of Justice sought clarification of the request on 10 January 2025:

"So that we provide you with the right information, please can you specify what you mean by 'White Other'.

Are you seeking information for:

- All white prisoners excluding British, or
- The ethnicity group 'White: any other background', or
- Something else (please specify)"

The complainant clarified the request on 10 January 2025:

"I am after the 2nd which is the specific group of White Other, which I thought would be sufficiently clear in the request itself."

2. Commissioner's Decision:

A public authority will breach section 10 of FOIA if it fails to respond to a request within 20 working days. Based on evidence available to the Commissioner, by the date of this notice the public authority has not issued

a substantive response to this request. Therefore the Commissioner finds a breach of section 10.

3. Steps:

The public authority must provide a substantive response to the request in accordance with its obligations under FOIA.

The public authority must take this step within 30 calendar days of the date of this decision notice. Failure to comply may result in the Commissioner making written certification of this fact to the High Court pursuant to section 54 of FOIA and may be dealt with as a contempt of court.

4. 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

Fax: 0870 739 5836

Email: grc@justice.gov.uk

Website: 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.

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