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Dear Dr Clark,

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 260707033

Thank you for your request dated 7 July 2026 in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

1. Please provide a copy of the data breach notification form that is for use by the judiciary. This is referred to in section II of the AI Guidance for Judicial Office Holders dated 31 October 2025.

2. Please provide the current membership of the Judicial Data Protection Panel, including the names and affiliations of the members.

3. Please provide information as to the number of complaints submitted to the Judicial Data Protection Panel since its inception in May 2018, and the number of complaints rejected because they were deemed to fall outside the panel's remit, rejected on the merits, or upheld. Of complaints resolved, please provide figures as to how many were resolved by the Judicial Office Data Privacy Officer, and how many were referred to the Panel (the process as explained in section 9 of the panel's complaint's handling policy). Please also break down the figures for complaints relating to each of the jurisdictions listed at section 2 of the panel's complaints policy document, and figures for complaints relating to 'individuals acting in a judicial capacity'.

4. Please provide a breakdown of the source of such complaints e.g. how many are self-referrals by judicial office holders, or a person acting in a judicial capacity; how many are made by the data subject; how many are made on behalf of a vulnerable person; and how many are referred to the panel from another source?

5. Please provide information as to the number of such complaints which relate to the inappropriate processing of personal information through the publication of judgments, including through anonymization errors; that is to say, complaints concerning publication of material that should not have been contained in a published judgment.

6. Please provide information as to the number of judgments which have had to be withdrawn or reissued by The National Archives in response to a complaint or self-referral by reason of inappropriate disclosure of personal data.

7. Please provide information as to the number of such complaints or self-referrals which relate to the disclosure of confidential or private information into AI platforms.

8. Please provide details of the range of actions taken in respect of complaints which have been upheld.

9. Please provide details of the timescales for dealing with complaints.

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

MoJ does not hold the requested information.

The information requested at points 1-5, if held at all, will be held by the Judicial Office on behalf of the judiciary. The Judicial Office is a unique branch of the civil service, independent from the machinery which supports the Government, and dedicated to supporting the judiciary as the third arm of the state. The Judicial Office is not a public body for the purposes of the FOIA. As such, information held by the Judicial Office is not subject to disclosure under the FOIA.

The judiciary is also not a public authority for the purposes of the FOIA. It is not listed under Schedule 1 of the Act and requests for information held by or on behalf of the judiciary are therefore outside the scope of the Act.

On a discretionary basis, I can advise that membership of the Judicial Data Protection Panel can be found on the second page of the Panel's terms of refence available here: https://www.judiciary.uk/about-the-judiciary/judiciary-and-data-protection-privacy-notice/

The information requested at points 6-9, if held at all, will be held by The National Archives (TNA). You can find out how to make a FOIA request of TNA by visiting https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/freedom-of-information/.

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 40 working days of the date of this response.

- data.access@justice.gov.uk
- Disclosure Team, Ministry of Justice, Postal Point 5.22, 102 Petty France, London, SW1H 9AJ

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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