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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your request for information dated 6 February 2025 and detailed below:

As we rapidly approach the 5 year anniversary of the McKee Charity Commission Ruling I would be grateful if you could advise if any of your "arms length bodies" or "Non - departmental public bodies" have been affected by the 16th May 2019 judgement of Madam Justice McBride (and the subsequent Court of Appeal ruling of February 2020 upholding this decision), whereupon it was found that for certain decisions the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland had no power to delegate responsibility to discharge statutory powers to staff. If any have been affected, I would ask that you;

- (i) list the names of NDPBs or ALBs affected
- (ii) what changes if any have been made to those NDPBs or ALBs affected, and the date these changes were implemented.
- (iii) if none were affected, please state so.

Freedom of Information is a request for recorded information that the Department of Justice holds. The Department has considered your request in accordance with its obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and has determined that

your request is a series of questions as opposed to a request for recorded information and therefore does not fall within the Department's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Also, DoJ Non-Departmental Public Bodies (NDPBs) and Arms Length Bodies (ALBs) are independent of the department and do not fall under the Department's responsibility under the FOIA.

You may therefore wish to direct your request to them. To be helpful, I have provided a list of all DoJ NDPBs –

- Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland
- Northern Ireland Policing Board
- Northern Ireland Police Fund
- Office of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland
- Probation Board for Northern Ireland
- Royal Ulster Constabulary George Cross Foundation
- Police Rehabilitation and Retraining Trust
- Northern Ireland Law Commission
- Independent Assessor of Police Service of Northern Ireland Recruitment Vetting
- Prisoner Ombudsman for Northern Ireland
- Independent Monitoring Boards, Maghaberry Prison, Magilligan Prison and Hydebank Wood College and Women's Prison
- Parole Commissioners Northern Ireland

If you are unhappy with the result of your request for information you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you request an internal review, please do so in writing stating the reasons to the address above.

If following an internal review, you were to remain dissatisfied you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner and ask the Commissioner to investigate whether the DOJ has complied with the terms of the FOIA. You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

The Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out.

Further details on the role of the Information Commissioner and the handling of appeals can be found at: www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

Records & Information Manager