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Dear XXXX

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 180328001

You asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

In the last six financial years what proportion of the work currently heard at Wandsworth County Court originated in the postcode area SW19.

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

I can confirm that the MoJ holds the information that you have requested and I have provided it below.

Hearings at Wandsworth County Court

		2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
County	SW19	248	234	237	194	238	239
	All postcodes	8,364	6,588	6,023	5,165	5,668	7,479
	SW19 as %	3.0%	3.6%	3.9%	3.8%	4.2%	3.2%
Family	SW19	139	102	177	128	85	49
	All postcodes	3,782	3,260	3,653	3,222	2,099	1,469
	SW19 as %	3.7%	3.1%	4.8%	4.0%	4.0%	3.3%
Possession	SW19	67	65	80	95	73	56
	All postcodes	2,353	2,206	2,551	2,651	2,192	2,438
	SW19 as %	2.8%	2.9%	3.1%	3.6%	3.3%	2.3%
All Cases	SW19	454	401	494	417	396	344
	All postcodes	14,499	12,054	12,227	11,038	9,959	11,386
	SW19 as %	3.1%	3.3%	4.0%	3.8%	4.0%	3.0%

Notes regarding the data:

- The report counts the postcodes of claimants/defendants (or petitioner/applicant versus respondent for family) at each hearing. Solicitor postcodes are excluded.
- Every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete. However, please note that figures are derived from the administrative data systems utilised by the courts for case management and are subject to the inevitable limitations of manual recording and large administrative systems, such as late reporting.

- Figures reflect what is recorded on the administrative system, have not been cross-referenced with case files and are not subject to the same level of checks as official statistics.
- Figures are based upon the most recent available data and for that reason might differ slightly from any previously published information.

This government is investing over £1billion to reform and modernise the justice system – making it more convenient, easier to use, and providing better value for the taxpayer. Since April 2016 we have raised £115m from the sale of underused court buildings – over £34m more than forecast, and every penny of this will be reinvested as part of our modernisation plans.

As we increase the use of digital services, it makes sense to consider the wider role and need for court buildings and assess whether some are still necessary to provide effective access to justice. Wandsworth County Court is old and underused. It's utilisation rate was 36% between April and September 2017. We are currently consulting on our proposals and encourage interested parties to take part.

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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Disclosure Team, Ministry of Justice, 10.38, 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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