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Dear XXXX

### Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 180320021

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

- 1. Chorley Magistrates' Court sat for a total of 1512 hours out of a possible 3810 in 2016/17. How does this workload compare with the previous 7 years?**
- 2. Since 2010 services that were previously conducted at the Court have been removed; please can you provide a breakdown in the changing nature of the workload over the previous 7 years?**
- 3. Failure to Attend figures.**

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

I can confirm that the MoJ holds some of the information that you have requested and I have provided it below. I should explain that our Magistrates' Courts case management and management information systems only hold complete data for the last 6 years. In response to each question:

**Q1 and Q2. Chorley Magistrates' Court sat for a total of 1512 hours out of a possible 3810 in 2016/17. How does this workload compare with the previous 7 years? Please can you provide a breakdown in the changing nature of the workload over the previous 7 years?**

#### **Chorley Magistrates Workload**

Financial Year	Magistrates	Family	Tribunal	TOTAL	Availability	% Utilisation
2011/12	2,725.8			2,725.8	3,750.0	72.7%
2012/13	2,165.3			2,165.3	3,735.0	58.0%
2013/14	2,062.8			2,062.8	3,795.0	54.4%
2014/15	2,023.9			2,023.9	3,915.0	51.7%
2015/16	1,808.0			1,808.0	3,765.0	48.0%
2016/17	1,511.0		1.1	1,512.1	3,810.0	39.7%

Notes regarding the above data.

- 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
- Figures are based upon the most recent available data and for that reason might differ slightly from any previously published information

### Q3 Failure to Attend figures.

FTA Warrants	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Chorley Magistrates Court	285	336	219	181	147	130
Lancashire	4,861	5,082	3,829	3,783	3,232	2,752
North West Total	18,340	18,764	15,517	15,164	14,255	12,787
England & Wales	115,490	109,521	95,234	94,540	92,983	92,862

### Notes regarding the above data.

- No area was specified and so the data covers Chorley Magistrates Court, County, Region and England and Wales for comparative purposes.
- Figures quoted are for each Criminal Case where a Non-Appearance Warrant was issued in the period specified, rather than a count of defendants. Hence, where a defendant has more than one case for which a Non-Appearance Warrant was issued, each case will count separately, and where more than one Non-Appearance Warrant was issued for the same case in the same reporting period, each issuance will be counted separately
- The report counts the number of Criminal cases containing either an Indictable, Eitherway, Summary Motoring, Summary Non-Motoring or Breach offence where a Non-Appearance Warrant was issued in the Magistrates' Courts.
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### 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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Data Access and Compliance Unit, Ministry of Justice, 10.38, 102 Petty France, London,  
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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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