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Dear XXXX

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 180222004

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

Details of custodial and non-custodial workloads and defendant and witness postcodes for the last three complete financial years at Cambridge Magistrates' Court

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

I can confirm that the MoJ holds some of the information that you have requested. Our systems do not record witness postcodes. However, I have provided the remainder of the data requested in the attached tabulation.

Notes regarding the data:

- Every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that the data have been extracted from large administrative data systems generated by the courts. As a consequence, care should be taken to ensure data collection processes and their inevitable limitations are taken into account when data are used.
- The data are taken from the Magistrates' Courts case management and management information system which is a live data base and as such is liable to change over time.
- The report counts the number of first hearings for a case where the defendant was in custody and where the defendant was not in custody.
- The report counts defendant postcodes where the first hearing was in the financial year specified.
- The data is based on the case hearing date.
- Data are management information and are not subject to the same level of checks as official statistics
- The data provided is the most recent available and for that reason might differ slightly from any previously published information.
- Data has not been cross referenced with case files.

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, 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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