

17<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 24<sup>th</sup> August.

In your request you asked for the following information

*Please could you disclose:*

- 1. A list of all bodies other than the CPS and SFO which you have inspected in the last 10 years.*
- 2. A copy of the invitation.*
- 3. A copy of the report.*
- 4. Details of who pays for these 'informal' inspections and how the cost is established.*
- 5. Any other policy, guidance or manual you hold regarding inspection of non-CPS/SFO bodies.*

Question 1 *.A list of all bodies other than the CPS and SFO which you have inspected in the last 10 years.*

We do not hold this information. Reports of all inspections carried out can be found on our website which can be accessed by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.justiceinspectors.gov.uk/hmcpsi/>

Question 2. *A copy of the invitation.*

We do not hold the information within the scope for this request

Question 3. *A copy of the report*

I confirm we hold this information but are withholding it under section 21 of the FOIA. Section 21 applies when material requested is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. Copies of all our reports can be found on our website

<https://www.justiceinspectors.gov.uk/hmcpsi/>

Question 4. *Details of who pays for these 'informal' inspections and how the cost is established.*

We do not hold in the scope for this request. If HMCPSI receives a request to carry out an inspection of a body other than the CPS or SFO, the merits and costs of the inspection are reviewed on a case by case basis.

Question 5 . *Any other policy, guidance or manual you hold regarding inspection of non-CPS/SFO bodies.*

We do not hold information in scope of this request. HMCPSI would use the same methodology as used when conducting an inspection of the CPS or SFO amended or adapted to meet the needs of the particular inspection.

I can perhaps assist with some background information. While we do not hold a list of bodies other than CPS or SFO that have been inspected, our Annual Report lists all inspection carried out in the previous year. We have inspected the Service Prosecution Authority at the request of the Director SPA. We have also assisted Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland in its inspection of the Public Prosecution Service of Northern Ireland. In that case, although we loan inspectors, those inspectors are delegated powers by the Chief Inspector Northern Ireland, the inspection is by that Inspectorate, not HMCPSI, and they publish the resulting report on their website.

If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of our response to your request, please send full details within two calendar months of the date of this email and send to the below email address:

[info@HMCPSI.gov.uk](mailto:info@HMCPSI.gov.uk)

You also have the right to ask the Information Commissioner to investigate any aspect of your complaint. Please note that the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) is likely to expect the internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning an investigation.