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Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request [REDACTED] 9**

Thank you for your request dated 12 May 2021 in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

**Please provide any documents that relate to the access to fertility treatment for serving prisoners, including:**

**Any application processes/checks  
The number of people who have been granted access  
How prison service costs of providing access are calculated (I understand that these costs are passed on to the prisoner)**

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

I can confirm that the MoJ holds the information that you have requested.

The policy is set out in the 'Prisoner Applications to Access Fertility Treatment Policy Statement' (copy attached) which sets out the conditions that must be met along with further factors which are taken into account when determining whether access should be permitted.

**10 applications have been approved since the 1960s.**

All costs incurred by HMPPS must be met by the prisoner (please see criterion 5 of the policy statement). All costs are calculated at a local level by individual prisons and on a case by case basis. They include staff resources (for example escort staff), transport (whether it be a prison vehicle or private hire vehicle), and, where applicable, a risk assessment of the hospital/fertility clinic.

**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.

data.access@justice.gov.uk

Disclosure Team, Ministry of Justice

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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