ANNEX A

FOI DOF/2025-0470

Request

Follow on request from DOF/2025-0460.

This is a distinct and separate request for information under the Act.

I request the following information held by the Northern Ireland Prison Service, in either electronic or hard copy format.

Details of the information I am requesting:

1. All emails/ hard copy correspondence (sent and received) between Teresa Hewitt. Teresa.Hewitt@justice-ni.gov.uk and Teresa.Hewitt@finance-ni.gov.uk and Director of Prisons David Kennedy David.Kennedy@justice-ni.gov.uk pertaining to all aspects of, or matter arising from or linked to, the handling of an internal notice for Magilligan Prisoner Development Unit (PDU). To include any attachments.

2. The minutes of all meetings, records of all telephone conversations between Teresa Hewitt and Director of Prisons David Kennedy pertaining to all aspects of, or matter arising from or linked to, the handling of an internal notice for Magilligan Prisoner Development Unit.

3. All emails/ hard copy correspondence (sent and received) between DOF Strategic HR Business Partner (NIPS) Teresa Hewitt; Teresa.Hewitt@justice-ni.gov.uk andTeresa.Hewitt@finance-ni.gov.uk and the former Director of HR Transformation, Service Management & Strategic Engagement Michael Cooke Michael.Cooke@finance-ni.gov.uk pertaining to all aspects of, or matter arising from or linked to, the handling of an internal notice for Magilligan Prisoner Development Unit (PDU). To include any attachments.

4. The minutes of all meetings, records of all telephone conversations between Teresa Hewitt and Michael Cooke pertaining to all aspects of, or matter arising from or linked to, the handling of an internal notice for Magilligan Prisoner Development Unit.

5. All emails/ hard copy correspondence (sent and received) between the Director General Northern Ireland Prison Service, Beverly Wall; beverley.wall@justiceni.gov.uk and Director of Prisons David Kennedy; David.Kennedy@justice-ni.gov.uk pertaining to all aspects of, or matter arising from or linked to, the handling of an internal notice for Magilligan Prisoner Development Unit (PDU). To include any attachments.

6. The minutes of all meetings, records of all telephone conversations between Beverley Wall and David Kennedy pertaining to all aspects of, or matter arising from or linked to, the handling of an internal notice for Magilligan Prisoner Development Unit.

7. All emails/ hard copy correspondence (sent and received) between the former Director of HR Transformation, Service Management & Strategic Engagement Michael Cooke Michael.Cooke@finance-ni.gov.uk and Director of Prisons David Kennedy David.Kennedy@justice-ni.gov.uk pertaining to all aspects of, or matter arising from or linked to, the handling of an internal notice for Magilligan Prisoner Development Unit (PDU). To include any attachments.

8. The minutes of all meetings, records of all telephone conversations between Michael Cooke and David Kennedy pertaining to all aspects of, or matter arising from or linked to, the handling of an internal notice for Magilligan Prisoner Development Unit.

9. All emails/ hard copy correspondence (sent and received) between the Director General Northern Ireland Prison Service, Beverly Wall; beverley.wall@justiceni.gov.uk and the former Director of HR Transformation, Service Management & Strategic Engagement Michael Cooke Michael.Cooke@finance-ni.gov.uk pertaining to all aspects of, or matter arising from or linked to, the handling of an internal notice for Magilligan Prisoner Development Unit (PDU). To include any attachments.

10. The minutes of all meetings, records of all telephone conversations between Beverley Wall and Michael Cooke pertaining to all aspects of, or matter arising from or linked to, the handling of an internal notice for Magilligan Prisoner Development Unit.

Time period:
Between 03/07/2024 to 29/07/2025.

DoF Response

I can confirm the Department holds some of the information requested.

1. DOF does not hold any information in relation to this request.

2. DOF does not hold any information in relation to this request.

3. DOF does not hold any information in relation to this request.

4. DOF does not hold any information in relation to this request.

5. DOF does not hold any information in relation to this request.

6. DOF does not hold this information in relation to this request.

7. The department holds the information requested; however, it is being withheld as it is exempt under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act due to the personal data of third parties contained within. Section 40(2) exempts personal information from disclosure if that information relates to someone

other than the requestor, and if disclosure of that information would contravene one of the data protection principles in the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) (or certain other provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018).

Having considered all the information contained within the Legitimate Interest Test – also known as a Lawful, Fairness and Transparency Test - (attached as a separate document – Annex B), the department has established that, on balance, there is no lawful basis for the disclosure of third-party personal data falling within the scope of the request of which the requester is not the data subject. Making an unrestricted disclosure of personal data for private interests could constitute a disproportionate and unwarranted level of interference with the individuals' rights and freedoms – particularly their right to privacy and family life under the Human Rights Act 1998.

8. DOF does not hold any information in relation to this request.

9. DOF does not hold any information in relation to this request.

10. DOF does not hold any information in relation to this request.