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Dear Mr Kermode

We write further to your request, received 24 August 2023, which states:

"The IOM has a Secure Unit for juvenile criminal offenders. This detention centre is called Cronk Sollysh and we understand that it is ran on behalf of the IOM Government by St.Christopher's charity.

Please can you confirm the following:

- 1. What was the total number of juveniles detained at the Unit during 2022?*
- 2. What was the average number of juveniles detained at the Unit during 2022 (the average weekly number)?*
- 3. What was the total amount of taxpayer's money paid to St.Christopher's (or any other organisation involved) in relation to the running of the Unit in 2022?*
- 4. What was the overall expenditure of the IOM Government of running the Unit in 2022 (to include all monies paid to St.Christopher's or other organisations, and any other remuneration and costs such as utility costs, food, training, IT, repairs, insurances, etc relating to the Unit)?*
- 5. What was the cost per juvenile detained at the Unit during 2022 (the average cost of holding 1 juvenile for the year or for 1 week)?*

Please note that the above information was initially requested from the DHSC but it replied that it did not hold the information and that the questions should be re-directed to Manx Care. We therefore now expect full substantive answers to all of the above questions. Thank you."

Our Response

- 1. What was the total number of juveniles detained at the Unit during 2022?*

There were 25 admissions to the unit in 2022. This consisted of 13 young people, 5 of whom had more than 1 admission.

- 2. What was the average number of juveniles detained at the Unit during 2022 (the average weekly number)?*

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance we are unable to provide some of the information you have requested. Complying with the request for information would require the public authority to do one or more of the matters mentioned in section 8(3) (things a public authority is not required to do by the Act S11(3)(b), in this instance, complying with your request for information would require us to create or derive information from information that we hold.

Due to the sporadic nature of admissions / usage over a year a “weekly average” is not a meaningful figure. During most weeks, when there was occupancy, there was one resident but there was a period of 12 days where there were 4 residents. The longest resident remained for 119 days.

3. *What was the total amount of taxpayer's money paid to St.Christopher's (or any other organisation involved) in relation to the running of the Unit in 2022?*

A total of £1,212.500 was paid by Manx Care to all organisations involved

4. *What was the overall expenditure of the IOM Government of running the Unit in 2022 (to include all monies paid to St.Christopher's or other organisations, and any other remuneration and costs such as utility costs, food, training, IT, repairs, insurances, etc relating to the Unit)?*

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance Manx Care is unable to provide the information that you have requested. This is in line with Section 11(3)a of the Act, as a practical refusal reason applies; namely we do not hold or cannot, after taking reasonable steps to do so, find the information that you have requested.

Manx Care do not manage or fund all aspects Cronk Sollysh. However you may wish to resubmit your request to the Treasury Department, Cabinet Office who may be able to help you.

5. *What was the cost per juvenile detained at the Unit during 2022 (the average cost of holding 1 juvenile for the year or for 1 week)?*

The unit has 7 beds so the notional cost (funded by Manx Care) per bed per annum is £173,000 for 2022. According to a report published by the Children’s Commission in 2019 the average cost for a secure care home bed was £210,000 for the year 2018

Please quote the reference number 3358397 in any future communications.

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your freedom of information request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by completing a complaint form and submitting it electronically or by delivery/post.

An electronic version of our complaint form can be found by going to our website at <https://services.gov.im/freedom-of-information/Review> . If you would like a paper version of our complaint form to be sent to you by post, please contact me and I will be happy to arrange for this. Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made as soon as practicable. We will respond as soon as the review has been concluded.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner for a decision on;

1. Whether we have responded to your request for information in accordance with Part 2 of the Freedom of Information Act 2015; or
2. Whether we are justified in refusing to give you the information requested.

In response to an application for review, the Information Commissioner may, at any time, attempt to resolve a matter by negotiation, conciliation, mediation or another form of alternative dispute resolution and will have regard to any outcome of this in making any subsequent decision.

More detailed information on your right to a review can be found on the Information Commissioner's website at www.inforights.im.

Should you have any queries concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Further information about freedom of information requests can be found at www.gov.im/foi.

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

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