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Our reference: FOI290917/038

**RE: Request for information under Freedom of Information Act**

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request submitted via letter to Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland (CJI) received on 4 October 2017, referring to a previous request for information made in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on 25 July 2017 which you state you did not receive a response.

In the first instance I apologise for this failure in our internal processes which has meant your initial request was not responded to within 20 working days. An internal review is being undertaken to understand the reasons behind this process failure and learning from this review will be applied to revise and strengthen CJI procedures.

In respect of your request, our understanding of the information you requested is as follows:

provision of information which explains the separation of Catholic and Protestant prisoners in Maghaberry in particular:

- the reasons why such prisoners are separated;
- how the decision is made for a prisoner to be separated on so called 'religions' or sectarian grounds.

In response to your request I would advise that CJI is not the holder of the information that you seek. As your enquiry relates to the findings and recommendations made following a review of safety at HMP Maghaberry (the Steele Review) commissioned by the Northern Ireland Secretary of State Paul Murphy in 2003 and Northern Ireland Prison Service policy and procedures concerning the separation of paramilitary prisoners at Maghaberry Prison, you may wish to contact the Northern Ireland Office;

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I hope this information satisfies your request. Should this not satisfy your request for information, please contact in the first instance CJI's Freedom of Information Officer.

Their address is Freedom of Information Officer, Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland, Block 1, Knockview Buildings, Belfast, BT4 3SJ or email [info@cjini.org](mailto:info@cjini.org).

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive  
Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland

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