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RE: Request for information under Freedom of Information Act

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your recent request submitted via email to Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland (CJI) which we received on 22 September 2020 in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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

- what inspections activities does Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland perform?
- how many inspections (of each type if possible) were performed in 2019/20?
- how many inspectors do you employ, and what was the annual cost of these inspectors in 2019/20?
- do you use third parties to perform these inspections? If so, who did you use, and what was the annual spend in 2019/20? and
- what information management system, if any, do you use to manage the inspections, and what was the annual spend on this in 2019/20?

By way of clarification you have stated that by 'inspections' you mean '*activities that are carried out to ensure the inspected entity meets legislative requirements for their role or function or condition, delivers on their duty of care for individuals or the public and/or adheres to any rules set by government on use of government funds*'.

I can confirm the following information is being released in response to your request.

Question 1

Information on the inspection activities CJI performs can be found within the 'About Us' section of the CJI website under the 'Background' page (<http://www.cjini.org/AboutUs/Background-History>) and also within the Inspectorate's Corporate and Business Plans and Annual Report and Accounts. Copies of these documents can be found within 'About Us', under the 'Corporate Documents' section of the CJI website (<http://www.cjini.org/AboutUs/Corporate-Documents>).



Question 2

During the 2019-20 financial year CJI published seven inspection reports and two follow-up reviews. Details of the reports and follow-up reviews published during this time can be found on the CJI website www.cjini.org and will be included within the CJI 2019-20 Annual Report and Accounts which will be published shortly.

Of the full inspection reports or reviews and follow-up reviews published by CJI, there were two requests from the Department of Justice; four thematic reports and one single-agency inspection. In relation to the follow-up reviews published during 2019-20, both reviews related to previous thematic inspections published by CJI.

CJI also carried out work on seven other inspections the findings of which will be published during the 2020-21 financial year and reported on in the CJI 2020-21 Annual Report and Accounts.

Question 3

At the start of 2019-20 CJI employed a team of seven Inspectors. The staff compliment within the Inspection Team reduced in-year to six Inspectors. Inspectors are employed on a combination of full and part time basis. The annual salary costs for this staff group for the 2019-20 year were £432,816.

Question 4

CJI regularly works with other Inspectorates to secure support to carry out its inspection work. Where specialist expertise is required to enhance the knowledge and expertise of the CJI Inspection Team, the Inspectorate will seek to identify the required support to ensure the quality of its inspection work.

Details of CJI's work with other Inspection bodies can be found within the CJI Annual Report and Accounts and its Corporate Plan and annual Business Plans which are available from the CJI website – www.cjini.org.

During 2019-20, CJI's annual expenditure on support provided by other Inspectorates was £33,872. This support was provided by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services.

Question 5

CJI does not use an Information Management System to manage its inspection work. CJI had no expenditure (£Nil) in relation to the use of an Information Management System.

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.



Yours sincerely,

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