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Our Ref: DOJ-FOI-2023-0259

Dear Thomas,

I refer to your Freedom of Information request seeking:

In relation to the "High Level Taskforce to consider the mental health and addiction challenges of persons interacting with the criminal justice system" announced April 2nd 2021

- list of meetings held by this taskforce, and their minutes of meetings to date since established, including any action items (2021 to present)

- briefings material for the minister or it's just officials regarding the taskforce (2021 to present)

1. Decision – Criminal justice Policy

A decision has been made on your request by Oonagh Ffrench, Higher Executive Officer who has decided to part grant your request in accordance with section 15(1)(d).

In relation to your request for minutes of meetings held by the *High Level Taskforce on mental health and addiction* this aspect of your request is refused as the records are available on the Department of Justice website, <https://www.gov.ie/en/collection/18cb1-high-level-taskforce-on-the-mental-health-and-addiction-challenges-of-persons-interacting-with-the-criminal-justice-system/>

Section 15(1)(d)

15. (1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where—
(d) the information is already in the public domain,

In relation to your request for briefing material for the Minister regarding the taskforce, this part of your request is granted in full.

2. Decision – Transparency

Search efforts

In searching for records searches were conducted using the following key phrases from your request *insert search words here*. Searches were performed on the following:



- eSubmissions
- eDocs
- Emails
- H-Drive

The Department has also had regard to the Information Commissioner's guidelines on adequacy of searches.

Decision

A decision has been made on your request by Alan Armstrong Higher Executive Officer, who has decided to fully grant your request.

Rights of Review

In the event that you are not happy with this decision you may seek a review of this decision by writing to the Freedom of Information Officer, foi@justice.ie seeking an internal review of the matter and referring to or enclosing a copy of this letter.

You should submit this application for a review of your request within 4 weeks from the date of this notification, where a day is defined as a working day excluding the weekend and public holidays. The making of a late application for review may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this body and the decision will be communicated to you within 3 weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Keane

Louise Keane
Freedom of Information Officer

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