

23 January 2025

**Reference: FOI 608 Freedom of Information request**

Thank you for your email, which we received on 13 January 2025. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**You asked us:**

To provide information on the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman's (PPO) IT budget for the coming financial year.

**Our response:**

The information you requested is not held by us. This is because the IT budget for the 2025/2026 financial year has not yet been finalised.

**You asked us:**

To provide information on who is responsible for the key IT roles at the PPO, and their contact details, including the IT Procurement Manager, the Commercial Manager, the IT Director, the Head of IT, the Cyber Security Manager and the Sustainability Manager.

**Our response:**

We have searched our records and hold some of the requested information on the above question.

Some information cannot be disclosed as exemptions apply.

Position	Name
Head of Business Services	Peter Dixon
PPO IT Lead	John Maggi

Where some of the information has been withheld because an exemption applies, the exemption and reason are described below.

We have decided not to disclose the email address and telephone number you requested as an absolute exemption applies. In accordance with section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act this letter acts as a refusal notice.

The absolute exemption is described below. In applying this exemption, we do not have to apply a public interest test to the disclosure of this information.

The exemption applied (under the Freedom of Information Act) is:

- Section 40 (2) 'Personal Information'.

We consider that disclosing this information would constitute a breach of one or more principles in the Data Protection Act 1998 referred to in FOIA 2000.

As the PPO's IT is provided by the Ministry of Justice, much of the requested information is held by them. We suggest you contact the Ministry of Justice (MoJ), as they may be able to provide this data, and their details are as follows:

Disclosure team  
Postal Point 5.22  
102 Petty France  
London SW1H 9AJ

Alternatively, their email address is [data.access@justice.gov.uk](mailto:data.access@justice.gov.uk)

You have the right to appeal against our response if you think it is incorrect. Details can be found in the 'How to Appeal' section attached at the end of this letter.

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The Prisons and Probation Ombudsman (PPO) carries out **independent investigations** into complaints and deaths in custody. The detailed role and responsibilities of the PPO are set out in our office's Terms of Reference. The PPO has three main duties:

- to **investigate complaints** made by prisoners, young people in detention (prisons and secure training centres), offenders under probation supervision and individuals detained under immigration powers (detained individuals)
- to **investigate deaths** of prisoners, young people in detention, approved premises' residents and detained individuals due to any cause, including any apparent suicides and natural causes
- to **investigate deaths of recently released prisoners** that occur within 14 days of release from prison (except homicide)

The purpose of these investigations is **to understand what happened, to correct injustices** and **to identify learning** for the organisations whose actions we oversee so that the PPO makes a significant contribution to safer, fairer custody and offender supervision.

We may use or share your data only to the necessary extent when conducting our independent investigations in the exercise of our official authority. We will share your data with third parties (e.g. the prison) in order to make sure the information is accurate; to prevent or detect failings; and to identify lessons learnt. We may sometimes need to share your data with third parties if required by law. We only keep your personal data for as long as it is needed, as set out in our data retention policy. If you need any further information about how your data is used, please contact us.

## How to Appeal

### Internal Review

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to an internal review. The handling of your request will be looked at by someone who was not responsible for the original case, and they will make a decision as to whether we answered your request correctly.

If you would like to request a review, please write or send an email to the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman's office **within two months of the date of this letter**, at the following address:

Prisons and Probation Ombudsman  
Third Floor  
10 South Colonnade  
Canary Wharf  
London  
E14 4PU  
E-mail: Mail@ppo.gov.uk

### Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)

If you remain dissatisfied after an internal review decision, you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner's Office. The Commissioner is an independent regulator who has the power to direct us to respond to your request differently, if he considers that we have handled it incorrectly.

You can contact the ICO at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Internet address: <https://ico.org.uk/>