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17 October 2016

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Our reference: FOI101016/035

RE: Request for information under Freedom of Information Act.

Dear ██████████,

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request submitted via email to Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland (CJI) on 10 October 2016 in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Our understanding of the information requested is as follows:

- copies of any and all recorded information held by CJINI about Bahrain since 1 January 2012;
- by recorded information you mean emails, minutes, briefing notes, reports, evaluations and diary notes; and
- full details of a meeting between Brendan McGuigan and a delegation from Bahrain's Office of the Ombudsman for the Ministry of the Interior in early 2013.

In response to your request I can confirm that the following information is being released:

- Email correspondence received by CJI on 12 December 2012 requesting and subsequently arranging a meeting a meeting between Bahrain's Police Ombudsman and Brendan McGuigan or other CJI personnel to take place on 14 January 2013 (A);
- Copy of electronic diary entry confirming the time/date of the meeting (B);
- Copy of senior management team minutes from 9 January 2013 noting a meeting with Brendan McGuigan and another CJI staff member and the Bahraini Police Ombudsman will take place on 14 January 2013 (C);

- A copy of an article published in CJI's stakeholder newsletter 'The Spec' in March 2013 with accompanying photograph about the meeting between the Bahrain's Police Ombudsman and other members of his delegation, Brendan McGuigan and other CJI personnel in January 2013 is publically available on our website - <http://www.cjini.org/CJINI/files/18/188c4fe8-501a-46c0-8345-da9520340f3c.pdf>. (D) and
- Copy of a media enquiry received by CJI by email on 10 May 2016 and response provided on 11 May 2016 in relation to an enquiry received about Bahrain (E).

The one hour meeting on 14 January 2013 was informal, and part of an information gathering programme organised by the United Kingdom Foreign and Commonwealth Office for the Bahraini delegation. No minutes were taken by CJI of the meeting and no evaluations/reports were prepared other than the aforementioned article for The Spec newsletter.

I hope this information satisfies your request. CJI holds no further information on Bahrain.

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,


Chief Executive
Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland

(A)

From: [redacted]
Sent: 11 October 2016 10:26
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Bahraini Police Ombudsman

[redacted]
[redacted] Brendan McGuigan
Chief Inspector of Criminal Justice

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From: [redacted]@fco.gov.uk [mailto:[redacted]@fco.gov.uk]
Sent: 11 December 2012 17:28
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Bahraini Police Ombudsman

Hi [redacted]

Thanks very much for getting back to me. That's great news.

Mr Almaawdah is due to see Ms [redacted] on the Monday afternoon from 14.00-15.00, so perhaps we can arrange for a meeting afterwards.

Would 15.30 be possible? Otherwise later or earlier would be suitable too.

Kind regards,
[redacted]

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From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@cjini.org]
Sent: 11 December 2012 09:31
To: [redacted] (Restricted)
Subject: RE: Bahraini Police Ombudsman

Hi [redacted]

Brendan would be happy to meet with Mr Almaawdah on either Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 January. Please confirm date and time to me once that has been decided.

Best regards

[redacted]
[redacted] Brendan McGuigan
Chief Inspector of Criminal Justice

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From: [REDACTED]@fco.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@fco.gov.uk]
Sent: 10 December 2012 11:59
To: Info
Subject: RE: Bahraini Police Ombudsman

Dear CJ,

Apologies but I got the dates wrong in my email below. Mr Almaawdah will be in Belfast on Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 January.

Many thanks
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Gulf Team | Middle East & North Africa Directorate
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From: [REDACTED] (Restricted)
Sent: 06 December 2012 11:05
To: 'info@cjini.org'
Subject: Bahraini Police Ombudsman

Dear CJ,

Ms [REDACTED] suggested I get in touch with you about a possible meeting.

I am organising a programme for the Bahraini Police Ombudsman (Mr Nawaf Almaawdah). This is a newly created position following recommendations by an Independent Commission of Inquiry that looked in to human rights abuses that took place during the 2011 unrest. He will also be the first police ombudsman in the Gulf; we see this as a positive development and want to offer our assistance in sharing best practice.

Mr Almaawdah is on an "information gathering" visit and will also be going to the London, France and the US. He has said he is particularly interested in how departments / organisations operate at a working level i.e. how they handle complaints, how individuals are treated when in custody / prison, their role in the various processes, who they work closely with (other experts) and how they make decisions / recommendations.

We think that the Bahrainis can learn a lot from the Northern Ireland experience. Would it be possible to arrange a meeting with Mr Brendan McGuigan or someone else from the CJ? Mr Almaawdah will be in Belfast on Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 January.

We would of course provide further background and information should any meeting be arranged and our Deputy Ambassador will be accompanying Mr Almaawdah (who speaks excellent English) on his visit.

Happy to discuss further over the phone if that would be helpful.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

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14 Monday		Daily Task List	
		Arranged By: Due Date	
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14 ⁰⁰	[Redacted] CJI Conference room		
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16 ⁰⁰	Mr Nawaf Almaawdah, Bahraini Police Ombudsman CJI		
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18 ⁰⁰			
			Notes

Management Team Meeting Outputs – 9 January 2013

Those present: Brendan McGuigan, Chief Inspector (BMcG)
 James Corrigan, Acting Deputy Chief Inspector (JC)
 [REDACTED], Inspector ([REDACTED])
 [REDACTED], Business & Communications Manager ([REDACTED])
 [REDACTED] FSD ([REDACTED])
 [REDACTED] PA ([REDACTED])

1.0 Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed by BMcG.

2.0 Matters arising - ISO Clause 5.6.2 (e)

- None.

3.0 Staff and resource requirements

- Recruitment exercise for [REDACTED] is well advanced with interview scheduled for January.
- BMcG will speak with the DoJ regarding the recruitment of a [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] process.

4.0 Finance and Audit - ISO Clause 5.6.2 (a and d)

Finance

- [REDACTED] distributed copies of the [REDACTED] Budget Report together with document detailing areas of note.
- [REDACTED] will review 7 month accounts for 2012-13 week commencing 14 January.
- Work on the 9 month draft Resource Account will commence w/c 21 January.
- [REDACTED] will meet with [REDACTED] today to refine the process for payment of invoices.
- [REDACTED] has advise that the additional £3K capital spend has been added to the budget.
- The issue of home postcodes is still being pursued by [REDACTED] with other issues around costs and the possibility of DfP Audit to be bottomed out if we retain expenses in-house.

Action: [REDACTED]

- The new T&S form created by [REDACTED] should be ready imminently and training will be given to all staff on its use.

Internal Audit:

- [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED] regarding the Audit Programme which will be amended to include focus on the new finance procedures. The Audit Committee will

be asked to sign-off on the new programme. [REDACTED] to speak with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and send the programme to them for review. Internal audit is due to commence week beginning 21 January.

Action: [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED] hopes to provide draft accounts in February in time for the Audit Committee meeting.

5.0 Business Manager Update

- See above.

6.0 Media & Communications

- OPONI follow-up review has been designed and publication is planned for 23 January.
 - Early Guilty Pleas will not be published in time to meet Business Plan targets due to holidays and will be published w/c 28 January.
 - Voluntary & Community Sector report is being prepared to go to the Minister.
 - Police Custody has been sent for design.
 - [REDACTED] is working on the next issue of the Spec.
 - [REDACTED] will be presenting at the NICEM Race and Criminal Justice in NI event on Friday 11 January and also attend the PBNi Board induction dinner on Thursday 17 January as an after dinner speaker.
 - [REDACTED] has also been invited to speak at the Holyrood Policing Conference in Edinburgh in February.
 - A delegation from the Bahraini Police Ombudsman's office will be visiting the office on Monday 14 January to meet with BMcG & BP.
 - The team discussed inspection report publication and timeframes. BMcG would like to get to a situation where reports were waiting publication rather than being put under pressure to publish by a defined date and so have more control over the final product. This would require discussion on the Business Plan targets for 2013-14. A meeting to include [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] will be convened to discuss this further.
- Action:** [REDACTED] to arrange meeting

7.0 Inspection Programme - ISO Clause 5.6.2 (c)

The inspection programme was discussed.

For full details please see [Inspection Report Monitoring spreadsheet](#).

8.0 AOB

- There was a discussion on the Documents and Records Policy distributed by [REDACTED]. The team discussed retention times and storage of documents and records. [REDACTED] to speak with [REDACTED] regarding space and associated costs for electronic storage of documents and records.

Action: [REDACTED]

Brendan McGuigan

Date

Next meeting – Wednesday 23 January 2013 at 10.00am
Inspector attending – [REDACTED]

(E)

From: [REDACTED]
 Sent: 11 May 2016 11:52
 To: [REDACTED]research@gmail.com
 Subject: RE: Media question about Maghaberry/Bahrain visits

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for your enquiry. In response to your two questions it would be CJI's view that these are decisions for the Northern Ireland Prison Service and it would be inappropriate to comment further.

We would however be happy to provide the following more general comment:

"CJI's published inspections on Maghaberry Prison reported the findings of the multi-disciplinary inspection team at the time of the unannounced visit in May 2015 and the announced re-visit in January 2016. It would be our hope that work undertaken, in the seven months between the time the two inspections took place to stabilise the prison and tackle the challenges around safety identified in May 2015, would have been apparent to visitors to the facility."

I trust this is of assistance and thank you for contacting us.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]
 Business and Communications Manager
 Criminal Justice Inspector Northern Ireland

Sent from my iPad managed by BlackBerry Enterprise Service

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]research@gmail.com>
 Date: 10 May 2016, 15:45 BST
 To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@cjini.org>
 Subject: Media question about Maghaberry/Bahrain visits

Hi [REDACTED]

I'm doing an investigation into visits to Maghaberry by senior officials from the Bahrain prison service. The visits were organised by the UK Foreign Office as part of an aid project to reform Bahrain's prison service, where human rights abuses are widespread.

The CJI has raised serious concerns about conditions at Maghaberry around the time that these visitors from Bahrain attended the jail.

Please can CJI comment on:

1. Was this an appropriate use of the prison service's resources?
2. Was Maghaberry in a suitable condition for foreign officers to visit as part of a reform programme?

Background:

I am aware of at least two visits to Maghaberry by officials from Bahrain's prison service, in May 2015 (around the time inspectors visited) and around 25th January for three days (just after the

follow-up inspection).

An email from the January visit to Maghaberry's governor said:

"The feedback from our Bahraini colleague's was very positive and the group stated that your team made them feel very welcome. The itinerary for the three days was highly relevant and of interest to the group and they have certainly gained a lot of information and ideas that they can take back to their own country to put into practice."

The itinerary included "Control and Restraint training", "incident management", "substance abuse", "use of records to support investigations including management of complaints", as well as "security arrangements for separated prisoners and zoning potential for prison by areas."

Please can you get back to me by the end of tomorrow, Wednesday 11th May?

Cheers,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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