

## Contact with Home Office

### Request

Please supply me with the contact details your Trust has so that you can contact the Home Office, also please supply me with a copy of the official form your psychiatrists use to contact the Home Office.

### Our Response

Psychiatrists never seek clinical advice from the Home Office, but are required to correspond with the Ministry of Justice for patients where a restriction order under section 41 of the Mental Health Act 1983 applies. The documents and correspondence then form part of the patient's care record.

Reports for conditionally discharged patients are completed every 3 months, with annual statutory reports for restricted inpatients. The forms used are exempt under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as they are publicly available at:

<https://www.justice.gov.uk/offenders/types-of-offender/mentally-disordered-offenders>