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Dear Mr. Buchanan,

Thank you for your e-mail of 12 October regarding your letter of the 14 July in which you asked two questions which you asked to be considered as Freedom of Information Act requests:

*Given that MGM **demonstrably** results in bodily harm, and often mental harm, on what grounds are the police declining to press charges against those carrying out the operations?*

Regardless of those grounds, will the government commit publicly to introducing legislation in this parliamentary term (i.e. before May 2020) to make non-therapeutic circumcision of male minors illegal?

Your letter was transferred to the Ministry of Justice for a response to your questions and the letter as a whole, as the Ministry of Justice holds policy responsibility for legislation on offences against the person. Our records indicate you were sent a letter from our Departmental Correspondence Unit advising you of this.

In regards to the second question you asked, this is not a valid request for information under the Act, as it is not requesting information but is a request that the Government takes a particular action. The Home Office does not hold policy responsibility for this issue as the Department of Health is responsible for policy on male circumcision.

Yours sincerely

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