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COURT VICTIMS FUND

Thank you for your request of 16 October 2025 in relation to court victim funds. You have asked us to handle your request in accordance with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

In your request for information you specifically state: *"Please provide all held data with regard to court victim funds. Please provide an accounting of incoming funds and funds released."*

We have considered your request, but we do not understand what funds you are referring to. We require more context or clarification on this matter in order to be able to search for the information.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA we are required to consider what advice and assistance we can provide to help you submit a request we may be able to respond to. Therefore, it would be helpful if you can explain the term 'court victim funds.' We also recommend you are more specific about what you require from us, such as the category of information sought and level of details. Section 16 is explained further in **Annex A**.

I am sorry we have not been able to help you with your request for information on this occasion. However, we will consider afresh any new FOI request we receive from you. Please be aware, any further request will be treated as a new request and similar considerations, and the application of any appropriate exemptions will need to be considered. Our policy is to respond to requests as helpfully and promptly as possible. Therefore, I hope this information is helpful and you are happy with the way we have handled your request. If you are not happy with this response, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days by writing to the NAO FOI Team at FOI@nao.org.uk. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The primary way of escalating your concerns to the Information Commissioner is at: <https://ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>.

Yours sincerely,

NAO FOI Team

Annex A

Section 16: Advice and Assistance

16.— (1) It shall be the duty of a public authority to provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so, to persons who propose to make, or have made, requests for information to it.

(2) Any public authority which, in relation to the provision of advice or assistance in any case, conforms with the code of practice under section 45 is to be taken to comply with the duty imposed by subsection (1) in relation to that case.