

## KEY TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT COLOUR CODES

- LEAD DEPARTMENTS** **Home Office (HO)** - Responsible for Misuse of Drugs Act, related Regulations, oversight of police operational delivery, overall control of drug-policy legal frameworks.  
**Department for Health & Social Care (DHSC)** responsible for medicines licensing and regulation, the clinical governance framework for CBPMs and NHS oversight
- OVERSIGHT DEPARTMENTS** **Cabinet Office (CO)** - cross-Government co-ordination, including policy, regulatory standards, consistency of statutory interpretation. Hosts **Equality Hub**.  
**Department for Education (DfE)** - Lead department for Equality Act 2010.  
**Ministry of Justice (MoJ)** - responsible for criminal justice system, courts, sentencing and probation. Should engage in regulatory changes creating new criminal liabilities or alteration of justice-system impact of offences.
- IMPACTED DEPARTMENTS** **Department for Transport (DfT)** - responsible for medical licensing decisions via DVLA  
**Department for Work & Pensions (DWP)** - responsible for benefits administration and oversight of Motability scheme
- OPERATIONAL DELIVERY** **Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD)** - advises government on the control of dangerous/harmful drugs  
**College of Policing (CoP)** - operationally independent, operating as the professional body for police in England and Wales  
**Crown Prosecution Service (CPS)** - responsible for advising police, charging suspects and prosecuting criminal cases  
**General Medical Council (GMC)** - maintains the official register of medical practitioners within the United Kingdom  
**General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC)** - responsible for regulation of pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and premises  
**Healthcare Regulators (HCR)** - responsible for regulating healthcare professionals  
**HM Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS)** - responsible for managing prisons/probation services in England and Wales  
**London Ambulance Service (LAS)** - operating ambulances and responding to emergency medical situations in London  
**Metropolitan Police Service (MPS)** - responsible for operational implementation of crime related legal frameworks  
**National Health Service England (NHS)** - responsible for operational delivery of medical services in England  
**National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC)** - enabling Chief Constables and their forces to work together to improve policing  
**Public Health Wales (PHW)** - responsible for operational delivery of medical services in Wales

PROGRESS CHASED ● ESCALATED ●

## JBD ACTIONS MARCH 2026 GOVERNMENT ACTIONS

- 2 March** ● Request for internal review submitted to **ACMD** regarding non-response to FOI\_1D
- 2 March** FOI\_1D1 issued to **HO, DHSC** and **CO/Equality Hub**  
Asks which statutory authority is responsible for ensuring prescribed Cannabis patients are fully and clearly informed that certain modes of use result in loss of patient protections under SI2018/1055, Section 16a
- 5 March** FOI\_2A issued to **NPCC, MPS, NCP, NHS, LAS** and **HMPPS**
- 16 March** FOI\_1C1a issued to **HO**  
Request for full briefing material & ministerial decisions resulting from 13 September 2018 Ministerial Briefing - FOI\_1C1
- 18 March** ● ICO complaint issued re **ACMD** failure to acknowledge or respond to 12 January FOI\_1D, subsequent reminders and request for internal review
- 23 March** Right to Reply issued to Home Office. Response invited by 30 March 2026 prior to **ACMD** submission
- 23 March** FOI\_1D1a issued to **DHSC**.  
Highlights previous response which answered a different question and clarifying the request made on 2 March
- 25 March** FOI\_2A issued to **CPS**
- 2 March** FOI\_1D1 - **HO** acknowledgement (ref FOI2026/03126)  
FOI\_1D1 - **CO/Equality Hub** acknowledgement (autoresponder)  
FOI\_1C1 - **HO** acknowledgement (ref FOI2026/02862)
- 5 March** **NPCC** acknowledgement (ref 2802/2026)  
**MPS** acknowledgement (autoresponder)  
**LAS** acknowledgement (autoresponder)  
FOI\_2A - **NPCC** confirm receipt (ref 2802/2026)
- 6 March** FOI\_2A - **MPS** confirm receipt (ref 01/FOI/26-51168)
- 9 March** FOI\_2A - **CoP** confirm receipt (ref FOIA-2026-032)
- 10 March** FOI\_2A - FOI\_2A - **NHS** confirms receipt (ref FOI- 2603-2309214)
- 13 March** FOI\_1C1 response (ref FOI2026/02862). **HO** FOI: confirms **ACMD** advised against smoking, officials proposed prohibiting it in regulation, and no **ACMD** advice recommending criminal prohibition exists
- 16 March** FOI\_1D1 - **DHSC** response (ref FOI-1683941 PL) - places responsibility for prescribing guidance on **GMC, GPhC,** and **HCR**
- 18 March** FOI\_2A - **HMPPS** states no information held - refer to **NHS** and **PHW**
- 20 March** FOI\_1D1 - **HO** response (ref 2026/03126) - confirms no recorded information on when, or by whom, patients are informed that combustion affects the Regulation 16A(3) exemption

## JBD ACTIONS FEBRUARY 2026 GOVERNMENT ACTIONS

- 9 February** ● FOI\_1D statutory deadline
- 16 February** ● FOI\_1D follow-up issued to **ACMD, MoJ** and **DHSC**
- 23 February** FOI\_1D second follow-up issued to **ACMD, MoJ** and **DHSC**
- 24 February** FOI\_1C1 submitted (refinement of **HO** FOI\_1C / ref 17155)
- 9 February** FOI\_1D - **CO/Equality Hub** response (ref s FOI2026 / 00529): information not held; **HO** responsible for Public Sector Equality Duty assessment
- 24 February** ● FOI\_1D - **MoJ** confirms request processing (ref 260112115)
- 25 February** FOI\_1D - **DHSC** Section 12 refusal (ref FOI-1680704): confirms information held; estimated 3,135-5,496 emails; exceeds cost limit

## JBD ACTIONS JANUARY 2026 GOVERNMENT ACTIONS

- 12 January** issued FOI\_1D to **HO, DHSC, MoJ, ACMD,** and **CO/Equality Hub**
- 2 January** **HO** FOI\_1C - Section 12, basic response
- 5 January** **DHSC** - basic response to S12 and asking JBD to refine our request
- 6 January** **HO** response to FOI\_1B - basic explanation of process, but not content.

## JBD ACTIONS DECEMBER 2025 GOVERNMENT ACTIONS

- 1 December** FOI 1a sent to **DHSC**
- 1 December** FOI 1a sent to **HO**
- 3 December** FOI 1b sent to **HO**
- 8 December** FOI 1c sent to **HO**
- 'Forward Look' and December updates to **ACMD**, cc to **lead Ministers**
- 3 December** **HO** acknowledge FOI\_1A (ref 17019)
- 3 December** **DHSC** acknowledge FOI\_1B (ref 1663490)
- 8 December** **HO** acknowledge FOI\_1C (ref 17155)

## JBD ACTIONS NOVEMBER 2025 GOVERNMENT ACTIONS

- 10 November** 'Discrimination by Design' v2 shared with **ACMD**. Lead Departments receive 'Forward Look' for comment
- 11 November** 'Discrimination by Design' v2 shared with **oversight and operational organisations**
- 13 November** **HO** refuses further ministerial engagement. References **ACMD** advice
- 13 November** FOI 1652371 confirms 110,000 records, Section 12. Reference to **HO** states **DHSC** observer only
- 27 November** **DfE** transfers correspondence to **DHSC**

## JBD ACTIONS OCTOBER 2025 GOVERNMENT ACTIONS

- 10 October** Email to **MPS** seeking clarity on disability and equality, with CCs to lead **Ministers**
- 16 October** **ACMD** submission with open letter, 'Discrimination by Design' v1 and supplementary annexes D and E sent to **HO**
- 18 October** Annex E questions and **ACMD** submission to **lead, oversight and operations delivery**
- 19 October** Freedom of Information (FOI) Annex F1 sent to **lead departments**
- 8 October** **NHS** response diverts to referencing 14/07 **DHSC** response
- 14 October** **HO** invites submission to ACMD call, noting **DHSC** lead's medications policy. No mention of equality or disability
- 27 October** **HO** confirms FOI 14526
- 28 October** **DHSC** confirms FOI 1652371

## JBD ACTIONS SEPTEMBER 2025 GOVERNMENT ACTIONS

- 18 September** 'Discrimination by Design' v1 sent to **HO**, noting lack of response to equality/disability
- 18 September** 'Discrimination by Design' v1 sent to **lead, oversight and operational organisations**

## JBD ACTIONS AUGUST 2025 GOVERNMENT ACTIONS

## JBD ACTIONS JULY 2025 GOVERNMENT ACTIONS

- 10 July** **HO** response to open letter. References **ACMD** call, but no comment on equality or disability
- 14 July** **DHSC** response references generic cannabis response and **ACMD** call, but with no reference to equality or disability

## JBD ACTIONS JUNE 2025 GOVERNMENT ACTIONS

- 16 June** Open letter to **lead, oversight and operational organisations**
- 16 June** **NHS** confirm open letter passed to **James Mackey's office**
- 19 June** **DfT** passes correspondence to **DHSC**