

Jane Hutt MS
Minister for Social Justice

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Dear Jane

Inquiry on women's experiences of the criminal justice system

Thank you for giving evidence on 12 December 2022 as part of our inquiry into the experiences of women in the criminal justice system.

Following our session, we would be grateful if you could provide the following:

- An update following your meeting with Damian Hinds MP, Minister of State for Prisons, Parole and Probation, and in particular any discussion relating to continuity of care with regard to treatment for substance misuse.
- Data which evidences the impact of the Blueprint (for example, sentencing outcomes for women both before and after the publication of the Blueprint).
- An update on whether the Cordis Bright evaluation summary can be made available to this Committee to further inform our report.

As we are now approaching the reporting stage of our inquiry, we would welcome a response by 9 January 2022.

Yours sincerely



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Chair, Equality and Social Justice Committee