

Julie Morgan MS
Deputy Minister for Social Services

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Dear Julie

Inquiry on women's experiences of the criminal justice system

The Equality and Social Justice Committee has been carrying out an inquiry into the experiences of women in the criminal justice system. Our last evidence session on the inquiry was with the Minister for Social Justice on Monday 12 December 2022.

As we approach the final stages of our evidence gathering, we would be grateful if you could respond to the points below:

- What support is available for the reintegration of women into the community once they have been released, and what follow-up takes place to ensure that their incarceration is not a repeat occurrence?
- What support is available for the children of mothers who receive prison sentences?
- Can you set out how Welsh social services work with projects such as Visiting Mum to ensure all children have support to visit their mothers.
- What practice guidance is available to local authorities and social services to ensure that children and women are reunited in a child-focused way?
- Please provide an update on the small homes project, and in particular any plans to extend it to North Wales.

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