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Dear Jenny

I am writing in response to your letter of 28 April in which you seek clarification on a small number of issues outlined in my response to your final report.

I remain grateful for the diligent and dedicated approach you have taken and continue to take through this inquiry, recognising the importance of ensuring Welsh women in the criminal justice system have access to the support they and their families need.

With thanks to my justice partners for their contributions, I have provided responses to your queries below.

**Recommendation 11:** Your response states that HMPPS will be taking forward recommendations from the recent Pre-Sentencing Report (PSR) pilot. Please could you provide further information on the outcome of that pilot.

**Response:** The PSR pilot ended in March 2023 and the formal Process Evaluation of the pilot is due to be published by the end of May 2023.

At the end of the operational phase, the two pilot sites in Wales have continued to build on the improved processes put in place over the last two years such as early identification of cases that would benefit from a PSR in line with the national operational court strategy.

Once the report has been shared with me, I will formally update the Committee on the outcomes.

**Recommendation 12:** We note that the Welsh Government will work with HMPSS to ensure that information about how to contact elected Members in Wales is available to women from Wales. Please could you provide further details about how and what information will be made available to prisoners.

**Response:** HM Prison and Probation Service is considering how best to address this recommendation. HMPPS were unfortunately unable to provide a response in time for me to

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

include that in this letter, but this is an area where we are continuing to press the importance of swift action to ensure Welsh women are able to contact their Senedd Member, no matter their circumstances. I will update the Committee as soon as the relevant information is made available to me.

**Recommendation 15:** Please could you provide additional information on the Rehab Cymru Framework. Could you also clarify who is responsible for funding of detoxification treatment for women from Wales in prison in England.

**Response:** Our Tier 4 Framework, Rehab Cymru, which launched in April 2020, provides an approved list of residential rehabilitation providers and the availability to see types of treatment, pricing schedule, location and inspection reports in order to assist in service user and professional choice. Once a setting has been chosen by the service user and key worker the online referral form on Rehab Cymru is completed and placement is made.


More information is available on the Rehab Cymru website:

[Rehab Cymru | Drug & Alcohol Rehab Treatment Centres & Detox Clinics](#)

In terms of funding detoxification for women from Wales in prison in England, all treatment within prisons in England is the responsibility of NHS England. Once women are released, local authorities have responsibility under the Social Service and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 to assess whether an adult has an identified need for substance misuse residential rehabilitation as part of local care and support arrangements.

The regulations on eligibility under the Social Service and Well-being (Wales) Act specifically refer to the need arising from dependence on alcohol and drugs. Residential rehabilitation and inpatient detoxification can play an important role in helping substance misuse service users secure long term recovery. The Welsh Government remains committed to ensuring that such services are available. In doing so we allocate £2m ring fence annual funding from the Substance Misuse Action Fund to Area Planning Boards (APBs) for the provision of Tier 4 services. This funding is designed to supplement and support local authority funding as part of their duties to undertake assessments under the Social Services and Well-Being Act.

Yours sincerely



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