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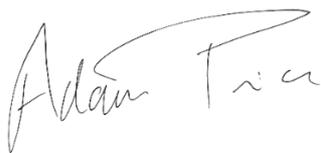
I know that you share my concern about recent events at HM Prison Parc. Indeed, I am sure that these concerns are shared by all members of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee.

Two deaths within hours of each other at the prison on Tuesday are the latest in what has become a profoundly worrying trend. Nine inmates have died at the prison in just over two months, and the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman has confirmed that he is investigating a total of 13 deaths.

Parc Prison is the only private prison in Wales, and it is operated by G4S, whose delivery of publicly-funded services has long been marked by controversy. In 2018, G4S' contract to run Birmingham Prison – awarded in 2011 – was revoked after the Chief Inspector of Prisons reported that the prison had fallen into a state of crisis under the company's management.

It is clear to me that G4S now has questions to answer over recent events at Parc Prison, and as such, I am writing to request that representatives of the company be asked to appear in front of the Committee as a matter of urgency, to face scrutiny and be held to account on their management of the prison.

Gyda diolch, a chofion cynnes,



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