

Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP  
Chair, Welsh Affairs Committee

14 May 2024

Dear Stephen

## Parc Prison

As you expressed in your supplementary to the urgent question asked by Chris Elmore MP in the Commons Chamber yesterday, the current situation in HM Prison Parc is deeply concerning.

We expressed our concerns at the position that has emerged during our Committee yesterday following correspondence from Adam Price, a member of our Committee.

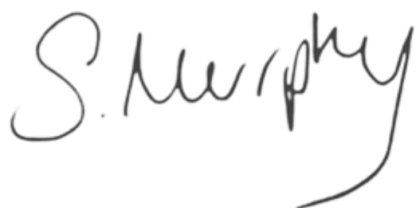
We are aware that prisons and offender management is a reserved matter under Schedule 7A of the *Government of Wales Act 2006*. However, by virtue of an exception to that reservation, the provision in prisons of health care, social care, education, training or libraries are devolved matters. We are therefore exploring options for any work that we could undertake, including with other Senedd Committees, given the gravity of the situation at the prison.

We are aware that your Committee is undertaking an inquiry into prisons in Wales, and you will be taking evidence from the Minister for Prisons, Parole and Probation tomorrow. We will therefore follow the work of your Committee on this issue and look forward to seeing your final report and recommendations.

As the committees responsible for the respective scrutiny of the provision of healthcare and education to prisoners in Wales, and for considering equality and human rights issues, I am copying

this letter to the chairs of the Health and Social Care Committee, the Children, Young People and Education Committee, and the Equality and Social Justice Committee.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S' and a long, sweeping underline.

Sarah Murphy

Chair