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Dear Jenny,

TURNAROUND PROGRAMME IN 2025/26

I am writing to update you on the Turnaround Programme in 2025/26, including funding and changes to administration of the programme, following on from our communication on the provision for speech, language and communication needs in the youth justice system.

I am pleased to tell you the Ministry of Justice is able to continue providing a substantial proportion of the Turnaround programme funding to deliver the programme for one more year across England and Wales, funding YOTs to support children on the cusp of the justice system. This will include provision for children with speech, language and communication needs.

We are making some changes to the delivery of the programme. We will be giving YOTs more freedom to choose how they spend part of the funding on early intervention. We will also be reducing the administrative burden on YOTs, taking into account feedback we have received from YOTs.

I believe this is a proportionate step to enable YOTs to decide on the best use of early intervention funding for their areas, and that this approach reflects the strong performance across the programme to date.

Next steps

My officials are writing to YOTs detailing their grant funding amount and targets.

I am continuing ongoing discussions with Jane Hutt MS, to ensure collective efforts to steer vulnerable children away from offending are in place.

SIR NIC DAKIN MP