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Dear Ms Rathbone,

I am writing in response to your request for information on when the work underway by the BOLD programme to link cross-government datasets relating to prisoners and their children and families will be available.

The BOLD programme intends to publish information on estimates of children of prisoners by local authority for England and Wales in Summer 2026. This will include Welsh geographic breakdowns, subject to the dataset being sufficiently large enough to ensure that no individual can be identified.

The data source for this publication will be Ministry of Justice (MoJ) prisoner records is linked to HMRC Child Benefit records.

Yours sincerely,

**Ian Barrow**

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