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Health and Social Care and Sport
Committee
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Dear Dai Lloyd,

Thank you for inviting us to provide evidence to the Health, Social Care & Sport Committee on the 7th of June in relation to the inquiry into suicide prevention in Wales. We welcomed the opportunity to discuss suicide prevention from a HMPPS perspective and discuss some of the methods we have introduced at our establishments and in the Community.

At the time we were requested to provide evidence in relation to those self-inflicted deaths among offenders in Wales who had been subject to Assessment, Care in Custody and Teamwork (ACCT) procedures. Following consultation with the HMPPS Safer Custody Casework Team and MOJ Prison and Probation Analytical Services we have been able to provide the following information:

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 (to March)
Self-inflicted death	1	4	2	7	1	1
<i>Of which with ACCT</i>		1		4		

We recognise there is always more to be done to support offenders in our care and to help them value their lives and improve their mental health and wellbeing. We are rolling out new training for staff on suicide and self-harm prevention and the additional prison officers we are recruiting will give staff more time to provide dedicated support to individual prisoners. This is an ongoing and clear priority for HMPPS.

I hope this information has been helpful and we look forward to seeing the full report of the Inquiry. If you require anything further please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



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