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TITLE **Concordat between the Ministry of Justice and the Welsh Government**

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I am pleased to announce that we have agreed a Concordat between the Welsh Government and the Ministry of Justice setting out the working arrangements between the two organisations.

The Concordat is not limited to, but seeks to ensure that:

- The Ministry of Justice considers the interests and responsibilities of the Welsh Government when designing and implementing UK Justice policy and activities likely to have an impact in Wales;
- The Welsh Government considers the interests and responsibilities of the Ministry of Justice when exercising devolved functions; and
- There is clarity and accountability, enabling productive working relationships and improving outcomes for English and Welsh Justice.

The Concordat represents an important step forward for improved working practices, intergovernmental relations, and justice outcomes for both administrations.

It must be noted that it is essential for both governments to observe the spirit and letter of the Concordat particularly in respect of timely consultation on matters affecting each administration.

<https://gov.wales/about/organisationexplained/intergovernmental/concordindex/ministry-of-justice/?lang=en>