

6th February 2025

To: Ruth Jones MP
Chair of the Welsh Affairs Select Committee

Ref - HMP Parc

Dear Chair, thank you for your letter of 16th January, in which you asked us to "*define a measurable, relevant performance indicator for each of the six workstreams.*" This would be to enable the Committee to monitor progress.

We have been working with HMPPS on how this might be achieved. We regret to report that we have encountered some complications that relate to ownership of the data.

We have received clear direction from the Ministry of Justice today clarifying that prison data is owned by the MOJ, is officially published each quarter and can only be released to the Committee from the MOJ.

We have been asked to advise you that the Committee should submit requests for data to the MOJ relating to information regarding any private or publicly operated prison.

We regret that this update falls short of the requests made in your letter of 16th January. Please accept our apologies for being unable to be more helpful in this matter.

Cofion gorau,



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Welsh Affairs Committee

Monday, 10 February 2025

Lord Timpson OBE DL
Minister for Prisons, Probation and Reducing Re-offending
Ministry of Justice

Dear Lord Timpson,

As you will be aware, the Welsh Affairs Committee has taken a keen interest in HMP Parc after seventeen men lost their lives there during the course of 2024.

I was grateful for the arrangement agreed between this Committee, HMPPS and G4S on 6 January 2025, which stipulated that quarterly formal progress reports would be prepared for the Committee following quarterly contract review meetings between HMPPS and G4S in relation to HMP Parc.

Among other things, these reports are due to include a summary of HMP Parc's progress against the six workstream action plan that was outlined to the Committee during the evidence session on HMP Parc in December 2024.

On 16 January 2025, I wrote to HMP Parc's senior leadership team, requesting that they define a measurable, relevant performance indicator for each of the six workstreams, and that this information be shared prior to the first quarterly progress report being submitted to the Committee.

The senior leadership team at HMP Parc replied on 6 February 2025, whereby they informed me that they are under 'clear direction from the Ministry of Justice' that prison data is owned, and can only be released to the Committee, by the Ministry of Justice.

In light of this development, I would be grateful if you could make the necessary enquiries to define measurable, relevant performance indicators for each of HMP Parc's six workstreams, as per my request to HMP Parc's senior leadership, and to subsequently share this information with my Committee ahead of the first quarterly progress report's submission.

I hope that you will appreciate the Committee's desire to effectively and transparently monitor progress at HMP Parc, noting the significant attention and concern last year's events generated among the public, particularly the families of men held at HMP Parc.



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Yours sincerely,

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20 February 2025

Dear Ruth,

HMP AND YOI PARC

Thank you for your letter dated 10th February 2025. I welcome the Welsh Affairs Committee's commitment to effectively and transparently monitor progress at HMP and YOI Parc and understand the importance of maintaining clear and open communication.

In HMPPS, we are committed to providing you with the necessary updates and information. However, it is important to set out that it may take some time to monitor the outcomes from the actions in the "six to fix" programme, as they need time to become embedded. Additionally, as I am sure you will appreciate, there is always a data lag due to the time required for collecting data, quality assuring it, and publishing it. This process ensures that the data is accurate and reliable, but it does mean that there is a period between the completion of actions and the availability of the corresponding performance metrics.

Consequently, our Prison Performance metrics are published annually, with the next publication due in July 2025. Aside from this, unfortunately, we are unable to provide data which forms a subset of a future statistical release as we have a statutory commitment to follow the Statistical Code of Practice which prevents us from providing any early indication of the data. However, I would like to reiterate our commit to informing the Committee when this published data becomes available and can arrange a discussion with officials following this, if helpful.

As you will be aware, the six areas are Staff, Safety, Security, Drugs, Regime and Respect. The relevant measurable performance indicators for each of "six to fix" programme workstreams are included in published data releases, such as:

- [Safety in Custody](#) - Quarterly update on deaths, self-harm and assaults in prison custody in England and Wales and annual detailed data on assaults and self-harm in prison custody, including deaths in custody. The latest publication was on 30 January 2025 covering the quarterly update to September 2024.
- [Prison Performance Ratings: 2023 to 2024](#) - Annual performance ratings of prison establishments in England and Wales, which can be broken down by Prison. The latest publication was on 25 July 2024, covering 2023 to 2024.

Officials would be happy to draw out the relevant data metrics following publication and provide this to the Committee in a bespoke report, if helpful.

Ahead of the next publications, I would like to assure the Committee that we continue to work closely with G4S colleagues to monitor and progress improvements at HMP and YOI Parc to ensure the safety and security at the prison.

Thank you once again for your continued support and collaboration. We remain dedicated to working closely with the Committee and all interested stakeholders to provide updates on HMP and YOI Parc. Should you have any further questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'James', written in a dark ink.

Lord Timpson
Minister for Prisons, Probation and Reducing Reoffending