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Dear Sir Bob,

JUSTICE SELECT COMMITTEE – CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN CUSTODY (PART 2)

Thank you for your letter of 19 April regarding the government response to the Justice Select Committee's Twelfth Report of Session 2019-2021: Children and Young People in Custody (Part 2). I am pleased to read your acknowledgement of the positive engagement from the department and your support of the academic research around the impact of COVID-19 in relation to the youth secure estate.

I will ask the Youth Custody Service to write to you should the target publication date for separation data in under 18 Young Offender Institutions change from the anticipated 2022/23 financial year, and once the co-commissioned report on girls from the Centre for Mental Health has been published. Additionally, I will ask officials to write to you in the summer as requested with an update on the revised Minimising and Managing Physical Restraint (MMPR) syllabus and on the planned programme of training for staff, and can confirm we will continue to look to update you with regard our future vision for youth custody.

Thank you again for your continued interest in the youth secure estate, and for your detailed and thorough report.

Yours sincerely

ALEX CHALK MP