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Adult prison learners: educational data

Dear Alex,

Further to the Committee's recent request for educational data relating to the youth custody service, we now write requesting prison education data for those in the adult estate in respect of financial years (a) April 2018 to March 2019 and (b) April 2019 to March 2020. This data will help inform greatly our inquiry into prison education.

1. We would like to receive summary education data for prison learners' assessment, participation, and achievement and qualifications (including retention data, i.e. course completion). It would be helpful to see how these data are disaggregated by prison and by prison education provider.

2. We would like to see information on prisoners' additional learning needs. Can you provide summary data held on the number of prisoners:

- (i) assessed as having different types of learning difficulty and disability.
- (ii) recorded as having an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

3. It would be helpful to see educational interventions outside of the Prison Education Framework contracts. If available, can you provide the number of prisoners who have:

- (i) participated in prison/University partnerships;
- (ii) received Information, Advice and Guidance Support;
- (iii) participated in interventions paid through the dynamic purchasing system and any outcome measures for these;
- (iv) undertaken Release on Temporary Licence (ROTL) for education and training purposes.

Again, it would be informative to see how this information compares by prison.

4. In terms of workforce data, can you provide the number of:

- (i) Prison teachers employed on FTE basis (including retention data for prison educators);

- (ii) SENCOs and other specialist education staff working with prisoners with additional needs;
- (iii) face-to-face teaching hours provided under OLASS and PEF contracts.

5. In terms of outcomes, can you provide the number of prison learners going on to (i) further or higher education, (ii) apprenticeships, (iii) other training placements, or (iv) employment, after six weeks of leaving prison.

6. Finally, in terms of the last year, April 2020 to March 2021, regarding data collated during Covid-19 lockdown, it would be useful to see:

- (i) Number of prisoners who have (a) received and (b) completed in-cell learning packs during lockdown;
- (ii) Number of prisoners that have been able to complete: (a) examinations, (b) qualifications, (c) accredited assignments/assessments during lockdown.

We are grateful again for your help in supporting our inquiry in this way by providing this information.

Yours,



Robert Halfon MP
Chair of the Education Committee