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National Assembly for Wales

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

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Dear Mr Brown,

Thank you for your attendance at the meeting of the Health, Social Care & Sport Committee on 7 June to present evidence in relation to the inquiry into suicide prevention in Wales. You will recall that Members enquired as to how many of the self-inflicted deaths among offenders in Wales had been identified as 'at risk' and were being managed under Assessment, Care in Custody and Teamwork (ACCT) procedures, and you gave an undertaking to consider whether this information could be shared with the Committee.

As prisoners and others who are in contact with the criminal justice system are considered to be a high risk group, and given the emphasis put in the Welsh Government's Talk to Me 2 strategy on prisons being a priority area for suicide prevention, these figures will be important to the Committee in understanding the prevalence of suicide among offenders and whether there are barriers to identifying those at risk of self-harm or suicide.

The Committee will be holding its final evidence session on this inquiry with the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services on 27 June, therefore it would be helpful if we could receive this information by 20 June.

Kind regards

Dr Dai Lloyd AM

Chair, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee