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*[By email]*

Dear Chair,

### **FEMALE OFFENDER STRATEGY DELIVERY PLAN PUBLICATION**

Following my letter of 30 November, which stated that the Department expected to publish the Female Offender Strategy Delivery Plan for 2022-25 by the end of January, I'm pleased to confirm that we have now published the Plan.

The Delivery Plan, and accompanying annexes, forms a key part of our response to the recommendations made by the Public Accounts Committee in their report "Improving outcomes for women in the criminal justice system", setting out the department's priorities for delivering the aims of the Strategy, underpinned by performance metrics, with an accompanying Impact Assessment which sets out the department's targeted investment to improve outcomes for women in, or at risk of, contact with the criminal justice system.

The Female Offender Strategy Delivery Plan has been informed by extensive cross-government engagement, both at Ministerial and official-level, given the shared

responsibility for supporting these women out of the criminal justice system, and also by consultation with stakeholders and practitioners.

To ensure we are held accountable for the commitments set out in this Delivery Plan, we will be reporting on progress to the Women in the CJS Experts Group and the Women in the CJS Ministerial Board, using the metrics outlined in the plan.

Yours ever  
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