

Councillor Peter Black  
Convener – Adult Services Scrutiny Panel

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Dear Councillor Black

Thank you for your letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> October relating to the Adult Services Scrutiny Performance Panel held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Due to the fact that the public questions as well as the first 5 bullet points requiring response relate to the Western Bay Programme as a whole, I have redirected them to the Western Bay Regional Partnership Board who will respond accordingly both to the member of the public and the Convenor's letter on these points.

In relation to the final bullet point asking for further information on the national review of probation services, I can respond as follows.

In 2015, the 35 Individual Probation Trusts across England and Wales were replaced by a single National Probation Service. In July 2018 the Ministry of Justice undertook the following public consultation *Strengthening probation, building confidence*. Information on the consultation is available at the following link <https://consult.justice.gov.uk/hm-prisons-and-probation/strengthening-probation-building-confidence/>. One of the proposals within the consultation was The Ministry of Justice's intention to use flexibilities in the existing devolution settlement to bring the supervision of all offenders in Wales into a National Probation Service for Wales, which would be a single organisation responsible for managing all offenders taking a holistic and unified approach to probation. The response to the public consultation has not yet been published.

Yours sincerely



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