

Huw Irranca-Davies MS  
Chair, Legislation and Justice Committee

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Dear Huw

**Equality and Social Justice Committee inquiry: experiences of the criminal justice system**

The Equality and Social Justice Committee has agreed to hold a series of spotlight inquiries to better understand the experiences of different groups of people in the criminal justice system in Wales. Our first one-day inquiry, which we are intending to schedule in June 2022, will explore the extent of speech, language and communication needs amongst young people who have offended, or are at risk of offending in Wales. The terms of reference for this initial short inquiry are set out on our [web pages](#).

I am drawing this work to your attention in light of your Committee's remit. Our inquiry will naturally focus on areas related primarily to equality and social justice. However, if you would like us to incorporate any specific issues into our consideration, or should you or Members of your Committee wish to be involved in any of this work, then I would be happy to explore opportunities to do so.

We will of course keep you informed of the outcome of our inquiry.

Yours sincerely



Jenny Rathbone  
Chair, Equality and Social Justice Committee