

29/09/25- Email from Dr Robert Jones (Prifysgol Cardiff/ Cardiff University) to the ESJ Committee

Annwyl Equality and Social Justice Committee,

After more than a decade of requesting Wales-only prison data through the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Ministry of Justice has (this morning) published the very first *Welsh Justice Data: Annual Release* (see link below). Although there remain many important sources of data excluded from the release, today's publication is a welcome development that will undoubtedly help to enhance transparency and scrutiny of the Welsh criminal justice system. This includes areas that the Equality and Social Justice Committee have previously examined and scrutinised.

Welsh Justice Data: Annual Release: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/welsh-justice-data-annual-release-2025>

Cofion gorau,

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