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Cardiff University's Wales Governance Centre has today published *Prisons and Sentencing in Wales: 2023 Factfile*. This latest report draws together information on prisons published by the Ministry of Justice, as well as a raft of previously unseen data obtained via the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Five years on from the publication of the Commission on Justice in Wales' landmark report, this latest *Factfile* once again uncovers a series of deeply troubling outcomes and further underlines the need for politicians, policy makers, academics and government officials on both sides ends of the M4 to engage on a more serious level with the current and future state of the Welsh criminal justice system. Furthermore, this work makes a powerful and compelling case for Wales-only data to be made more freely available by the Ministry of Justice.

If you would like to discuss any of the issues raised in this report, please do not hesitate to contact me. In the meantime, I hope that this report will be of interest.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Robert Jones