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Dear Ronnie,

NORTHERN IRELAND PRISON SERVICE PAY AWARD 2021-22

Thank you for your letter of 22 March detailing the 2021-22 pay award for operational prison staff in the Northern Ireland Prison Service (NIPS). The Review Body notes your decision to implement the 2021-22 pay award, following discussions between NIPS management and the staff associations.

I have now asked our secretariat to liaise with your officials with the aim of commissioning evidence and producing a report the 2022-23 pay round as soon as is practicable. We hope with the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions, the Review Body will be able to visit Northern Ireland in June to re-engage with the parties and to undertake face-to-face establishment visits to ensure our understanding of the issues is up to date.

Yours sincerely

Tim Flesher

Chair, Prison Service Pay Review Body