## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE JUSTICE MINISTER



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Via e-mail PSPRB@businessandtrade.gov.uk

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Dear Tim,

Thank you for the 14<sup>th</sup> report of the Prison Service Pay Review Body for the remit groups in the Northern Ireland Prison Service, which I now invite you to publish.

I am pleased that the restoration of the Executive has resulted in additional allocations to departments to fund public sector pay deals. If this had not transpired, these recommendations could not have been implemented.

These recommendations meet a range of important priorities including reducing differentials, addressing low pay, and meeting the NI Executive commitment on paying the Voluntary Living Wage. They also assist NIPS in delivering their pay strategy.

I have asked officials to liaise on publication of the 2023 report. I will be writing to you shortly with an activation letter for the 2024 pay round.

Yours sincerely,

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