In November 2017, we held an evidence session to follow-up our predecessor Committee’s report on the treatment of young adults in the criminal justice system. We heard from Dr Phillip Lee MP, Michael Spurr and Clare Toogood. After the session we sent some additional questions to Dr Lee which he recently, helpfully responded to in-depth.

We’d be grateful if you would provide us with further assistance in clarifying a few points please.

Pre-sentence reports for offenders 18 to 25 must now include a consideration of the offender’s maturity to inform sentencing decisions. Please would you provide us with figures on the number and proportion of 18-25 year olds who now receive a pre-sentence report.

HMPPS is now conducting maturity screening, which we were told will help prison and probation providers profile their populations. We are keen to learn what this screening is showing regarding the levels of maturity being identified and what impact this is having on the actions taken as a result. If you are unable to provide us with emerging findings, please would you let us know when you expect to have them and whether you plan to publish them?

We were also told that a review of the pilot of the maturity resource pack—due to be completed at the end of February 2018—has been extended. Please would you let us know how long it has been extended for? We would also appreciate your timetable for the pilot to develop practices for people with acquired brain injury, including any related evaluation.

The National Probation Service has created a National Young Offender Governance Board to oversee work on a delivery plan. Please would you clarify the age of young offenders it is concerned with and provide us with a copy of the delivery plan.