The previous Justice Committee published a report on the treatment of young adults in the criminal justice system in 2016. That Committee concluded that it was unable to determine the impact of the inclusion within guidance for sentencers in assessing mitigation of the consideration of maturity and recommended that further research be conducted to examine this. The Government stated that it could not require the Sentencing Council to conduct research on this as it is an independent, non-departmental public body.

Please would you let us know whether you have considered our recommendation? If you have conducted such research, we should be grateful if you would share with us the findings?