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In the response to recommendation one in the Committee’s report, a commitment was given to write to the Committee by the end of 2017 with a progress update to provide confidence that performance data on rehabilitation services is reliable and complete, and to show whether the overarching aim of reducing reoffending is being met. I am writing to apologise for the fact that there will be a slight delay in providing this update as the full data which the Committee has asked for is not due to be published until late January.

Two reoffending measures will be used to assess CRC and NPS performance: (i) the binary rate (the proportion of offenders who reoffend) and (ii) the frequency rate (the average number of further offences per offender). In October 2017, the Ministry published the first set of adult proven reoffending statistics for the October to December 2015 cohort by which CRCs will be measured under Payment by Results arrangements, alongside results for the National Probation Service. These statistics only gave final results for the binary measure.

Final results for both the binary and frequency measures of proven reoffending will be published for the October to December 2015 and January to March 2016 cohorts on 26 January 2018. On the same date we will also publish the next edition of the ‘Community Performance Quarterly Management Information Release’, which will enable us to report on the full set of metrics under the revised NPS/CRC performance frameworks. We will therefore be able to respond fully to recommendation one following the publication of these results and will do so as soon as possible after this date.