



Ministry
of Justice

The Right Honourable
Michael Gove MP
Lord Chancellor & Secretary
of State for Justice

Bob Neill MP
Chairman, Justice Committee
House of Commons
London
SW1A 0AA

30th June 2016

Dear Bob,

JUSTICE SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT – PRISON SAFETY

In my letter of 19th May I informed you that I had, with immediate effect, allocated an additional £10m to deal with prison safety issues. I wanted to let you know that prison level allocations for this funding have now been agreed and Prison Governors are today being notified of the increases to their 2016-17 budgets.

The £10m is new funding for prison safety, and will be supplemented by £2.9m from existing budgets. The £2.9m funding had been previously identified within the NOMS budget for 2016/17 to deliver initiatives for improving safety levels, but had not yet been allocated to establishments, and will now be allocated to establishments at the same time as the additional £10m. Taken together, the £12.9m funding will give a significant number of Governors facing the greatest safety challenges a real opportunity to improve safety levels in their establishments.

We are targeting the additional funding at prisons with the most concerning levels of violence and self-harm, where it can have the greatest impact. In identifying which prisons to fund, a wide range of information was taken into consideration, including current rates and recent trends for both violence and self-harm, deaths in custody, Measuring the Quality of Prison Life research results, and latest HMIP inspection safety assessments.

The full list of prisons which will receive funding and the allocations each will receive is at the end of this letter. A total of 69 prisons constituting almost 54,000 prison places will receive funding at a rate of £221 per place. We are also taking this opportunity to test whether a substantially higher allocation in a small number of targeted prisons will have a much greater local impact on safety levels. Accordingly, three prisons are being funded at a rate of £662 per place - Bristol, Hewell (excluding open prison places), and Rochester. Monitoring the progress of these prisons against the rest of the funded cohort will help inform our future decision making and long-term investment strategy for prison safety.

As I outlined in my letter of 19th May, Governors will have the discretion over how to use this funding, and we expect their approaches will differ according to the function, population profile, and other relevant factors of each targeted prison. Giving Governors greater autonomy over their resources to encourage

local innovation is an important principle of the reforms I am introducing across the Service, and this funding is a further important step in that direction.

I do hope that this further information is useful to the Committee, pending my full response to the Committee's report on prison safety in July.

Yours,
Mich

MICHAEL GOVE

List of prisons to receive funding

Establishment	Funding (£000)
Aylesbury	98
Bedford	109
Belmarsh	207
Brinsford	100
Bristol	406
Brixton	179
Buckley Hall	100
Bullingdon	246
Cardiff	181
Channings Wood	160
Chelmsford	164
Coldingley	115
Deerbolt	113
Drake Hall	75
Durham	220
Eastwood Park	85
Elmley	243
Erlestoke	116
Exeter	124
Featherstone	155
Feltham	83
Foston Hall	76
Glen Parva	143
Guys Marsh	128
Haverigg	142
Hewell (excluding open places)	711
High Down	265
Highpoint	292
Hindley	119
Holme House	267
Hull	233
Humber	234
Huntercombe	96
Isis	137
Lancaster Farms	121
Leeds	267
Leicester	89
Lewes	153
Lincoln	161
Lindholme	219
Liverpool	275
Low Newton	76
Maidstone	132
Manchester	251

Establishment	Funding (£000)
Moorland	222
New Hall	94
Norwich	170
Nottingham	234
Onley	164
Pentonville	290
Portland	110
Preston	179
Ranby	229
Risley	246
Rochester	499
Send	62
Stocken	164
Stoke Heath	173
Styal	107
Swansea	110
Swinfen Hall	138
The Mount	224
Wandsworth	359
Wayland	212
Wealstun	184
Winchester	151
Woodhill	160
Wormwood Scrubs	282
Wymott	258
Total	12,887

