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Mrs Judith Hallett  
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15 March 2021

Dear Mrs Hallett,

Thank you for sharing the Parish Council's further letter concerning HMP & YOI Hollesley Bay.

In answer to your questions, I received the news by letter from Rory Stewart, then Minister of State at the Ministry of Justice. A copy of which I have attached for your information. You provided me with a very similar letter that the Parish Council received from Declan Moore. Also attached.

As you are already aware, the planned changes to the prison population have been postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. MCOSO are currently held in open conditions at HMP Leyhill and HMP North Sea Camp. Any changes to the prison population at HMP & YOI Hollesley Bay are in addition to these two sites rather than in replace of them.

I understand you hold specific concerns about young adults and will convey this to the Ministry of Justice to seek clarification on that point. As soon as I receive a reply, I will write to you again.

Yours sincerely,



Therese Coffey MP  
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23 July 2018

Dear Therese,

### CHANGES TO THE POPULATION OF HMP HOLLESLEY BAY

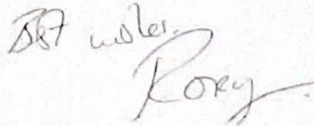
I am writing to inform you of population changes at HMP Hollesley Bay, which has been authorised to accept category D men convicted of sexual offences as part of its population. Once local implementation planning has been completed, I expect these changes will take place by the end of the year. There will be no change to the overall size of the prison, this change relates to widening the range of prisoners eligible for transfer into the establishment.

Under this Government, more sex offenders are being convicted and spending longer in prison. There are now 4,000 more men in prison convicted of sexual offences than there were in 2010, with sex offenders facing on average five years in prison. The Government fully supports the victims who have come forward in increasing numbers to bring these offenders to justice. We recognise the importance of effective rehabilitation to prevent future crimes, including managing a growing number of men who now present a low risk and have been assessed as suitable to be held in open prisons as they approach release.

The safety of the public is our highest priority. To protect the public and prevent future victims, it is important that individual offenders are managed according to their risk. The ability to test low risk men in open conditions as they approach the end of their sentence is a critical step in their reintegration into society.

The prison service already successfully holds men convicted of sexual offences in open conditions at HMP Leyhill and HMP North Sea Camp, but due to the increase in this population group more open prisons are needed to accommodate these offenders. A wider range of rehabilitation options for these men as they prepare to re-enter society is the best way of minimising the risk to the public.

If you have any questions about the change, please do not hesitate to contact me or the governor of HMP Hollesley Bay directly.



RORY STEWART MP





## HM Prison & Probation Service

Declan Moore, Governor  
HMP & YO1 Hollesley Bay  
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Hollesley Parish Council

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018

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Dear Judi,

I am writing to inform you of a population change at HMP & YO1 Hollesley Bay, which has been authorised at Ministerial level. The change authorises suitably risk assessed category D prisoners convicted of sexual offences, to be held at Hollesley Bay. There will be no change to the overall size of the prison at this time, and this change relates to purely widening the range of prisoners eligible for transfer into the establishment.

There are now 4,000 more men in prison convicted of sexual offences, than there were in 2010. This includes a growing number of men who present as a low risk and have been assessed as suitable to be held in Category D open prisons.

The Prison Service has much experience in holding men convicted of sexual offences in open conditions, both at HMP Leyhill and HMP North Sea Camp. Now, due to the significant increase in this prison population group, two additional open establishments have been identified as being suitable to bring their expertise and rehabilitative culture to bear, in giving these men the best opportunity for resettling in the community, as their custodial sentence ends.

A well-controlled, and appropriately monitored and staged, re-introduction to society, is undoubtedly the best way of minimising the risk to the public and preventing recidivism.

Open prisons such as Hollesley Bay accommodate those prisoners who have been re-categorised as suitable for open conditions from within the secure prison estate, and those people who have been through the whole rigour of a Parole Board Assessment, and are recommended for this progressive move. Generally all prisoners at Hollesley Bay will be within two years of their final release date.

The safety of the public is always our highest priority. To protect the public and prevent future victims, it is important that individual offenders are managed according to their individual risk. The ability to test prisoners in open conditions, as they approach the end of their sentence is a critical step in their successful reintegration into society.

If you have any questions about the change, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

D Moore  
Governor

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