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Dear Thérèse,

MCOSOs AT HMP HOLLESLEY BAY

Thank you for your e-mail of 16 March about the plans to hold young adults convicted of sexual offences at HMP & YOI Hollesley Bay.

The process which proposed placing young adults convicted of sexual offences at Hollesley Bay is still ongoing. As you know, the pandemic has presented a unique set of challenges for the entire prison estate, which has slowed several changes that were due to take place.

You asked for clarification about the number of young adults convicted of sexual offences likely to be placed at Hollesley Bay. I can inform you that there are no young adults of that description in the estate at present who are suitable for transfer to open conditions, and there is therefore no requirement for the prison to hold any such individuals.

While it would be wrong to rule out the possibility that, in the future, some individual young offenders might be eligible and might benefit from being placed at Hollesley Bay, I can assure you there is no likelihood of any significant number of young adults convicted of sexual offences being placed there.

I hope this meets the concerns of people in your constituency.

Yours sincerely,

ALEX CHALK MP