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Dear 

Thank you for your letter of 26 September which we received by post on 30 September 2016.

In response I can advise you that the remit of Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland (CJI) while similar in relation to that of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons in England in Wales in terms of its work in prisons, is wider.

CJI is an independent statutory inspectorate with responsibility for inspecting all aspects of the criminal justice system in Northern Ireland apart from the judiciary. It also inspects a number of other agencies and organisations that link into the criminal justice system.

CJI uses inspection to help strengthen public confidence in the agencies that make up the criminal justice system.

It endeavours through its work to promote the effectiveness, efficiency and even-handedness of the criminal justice system. It also seeks to secure improvement and greater co-operation between the various statutory and voluntary organisations to provide a better justice system for the whole community in Northern Ireland.

Further information on the organisation can be found within the 2015-16 Corporate and Business Plan a copy of which is enclosed for your information.

In respect of your research, I am enclosing printed copies of the most recent inspections carried out by CJI in relation to prisons in this jurisdiction. Each report contains references to the four areas which you have sought information from CJI. Please also find enclosed a copy of the CJI Safety of Prisoners Inspection which you may find to be of interest/relevant.

I trust this is of assistance to you in conducting your research.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Corrigan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

James Corrigan
Chief Executive
Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland

enc CJI 2015-16 Corporate and Business Plan;
Maghaberry Prison Inspection - published July 2016;
Maghaberry Prison Inspection - published November 2016;
Magilligan Prison Inspection - published February 2015;
Safety of Prisoners Inspection - published October 2014;
Hydebank Wood Young Offenders Centre - published October 2013 and;
Ash House Women's Prison Inspections - published October 2013.