

14 April 2026

Dear

ATISN 26794: The Criminal Justice System in Wales

Thank you for your request which I received on 12 March 2026.

You asked for information about sentencer engagement activity delivered under the Women's Justice Blueprint, specifically:

- the number of sentencer engagement events which took place between July 2021 and March 2026; and
- the organisations invited to attend those events.

The Women's Justice Blueprint is a joint Ministry of Justice and Welsh Government framework which focuses on early intervention and prevention, including the development of trauma-informed, community-based alternatives to short custodial sentences and remand for women.

The Welsh Government does not *directly* deliver sentencer engagement activity and therefore does not hold comprehensive operational records of such activity. The information provided in response to your request is based on information provided to Welsh Government by His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) Wales, which leads this engagement as part of its delivery of the Women's Justice Blueprint.

Number of engagement events

Based on information provided to Welsh Government by HMPPS Wales, eleven online sentencer engagement events took place between July 2021 and March 2026. These events were delivered by the HMPPS Wales Blueprint team and were attended by magistrates, sentencers and other court professionals across Wales. In addition, a series of visits to women's centres across Wales took place in November 2025, attended by approximately 28 magistrates, to showcase community-based alternatives to custody and remand.

Welsh Government does not hold a single, centrally collated record of all sentencer engagement activity undertaken during this period, including informal or locally delivered engagement.

Organisations invited to attend

Based on information provided by HMPPS Wales, sentencer engagement activity included invitations to:

- Magistrates and sentencers across Wales.
- His Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service (HMCTS).
- His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) Wales.
- probation services; and

- third-sector women's services, including the Nelson Trust Women's Centres (Cardiff and Swansea) and the Safer Wales Women's Centre (Cardiff).

Welsh Government does not hold consolidated invitation lists for individual engagement events.

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Welsh Government
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Information Commissioner's Office
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However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,