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Cynthia McDougall (by email)

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Dear Professor McDougall,

**INVESTIGATION INTO THE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE IN CUSTODY OF JL AT HMYOI
FELTHAM ON 19 AUGUST 2002**

I am writing further to my letter of 30 June 2010 in which I acknowledged receipt of your investigation report into the circumstances surrounding the attempted suicide in custody of JL on 19 August 2002.

The recommendations you made in your report have been considered and I attach the National Offender Management Service's (NOMS) response to each of the six recommendations.

You will note that the recommendations have been accepted in principle. I would like to clarify that this is because NOMS policy has developed significantly since JL's attempted suicide on 19 August 2002 and the majority of the changes you have suggested have already been integrated into revised NOMS policies.

The NOMS response, along with your investigation report, will be published on the Independent Advisory Panel on Deaths in Custody website once the second stage has been completed. As mentioned in my previous letter, I will contact you in advance of publication.

I have previously indicated that we would provide you with a progress update on the recommendations within six months of our initial response. However, as the majority of your recommendations have already been addressed over the last eight years, I hope that you understand why I do not now propose to do so.

Yours sincerely

Pat Baskerville

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