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Dear Oday

REVIEW ON SELF INFLICTED DEATHS IN CUSTODY OF 18-24 YEAR OLDS

Thank you for your letter of 10 June in which you provide an update on early activity on the review and seek additional resources to deliver the work. You rightly mention pressure on budgets and I am grateful to you that your additional bid for funding takes account of this.

Having considered the costs against the significance of the review, I am able to confirm that additional funding of £100,000 has been agreed to cover:

- the provision of legal advice
- specialist help to prepare detailed summaries of the issues arising from the 84 cases within scope of the review
- a short piece of qualitative research.

The cost of carrying out a literature review will be borne from the current IAP contract with the University of Greenwich. We also agree that the additional member of the secretariat will be funded to the end of March 2015.

This means that the final budget for the review is £280,000 together with £200,000 for the provision of three staff to act as secretariat. I am afraid that we will only be able to provide further funding if this is required due to exceptional circumstances. If circumstances change so that you find you no longer require the full budget I would expect any underspend to be returned to the department. I would be grateful if you could provide an updated projection of your expenditure to officials by the end of September 2014.


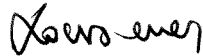
It appears that there was some confusion around the listing of your Call for Submissions on the MoJ website. I am pleased that this has now been resolved with

the MoJ website listing the Call for Submissions by the independent Harris Review with a link to the IAP website.

I understand that the annual workplan for the mainstream IAP works still needs to be considered and approved by the co-sponsors of the Ministerial Council, so I am unable to finalise that matter here. I look forward to reviewing this at future meetings of the Ministerial Board.

I trust this provides the reassurance you need to complete your important review. I am grateful for your, and the Panel's, commitment to the review and to providing us with practicable and effective recommendations that will help us to reduce the risk of self-inflicted deaths of 18-24 year olds in custody.

I previously suggested that we meet in the autumn so that I can hear how the review is progressing then. My office will be in touch nearer the time.



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