



HM Prison & Probation Service

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Dear all,

I am writing to clarify the current position in relation to the Probation Delivery Partner competition. On Tuesday, we issued a notice to the organisations involved in the PDP competition that we were suspending the process. This is simply to provide us with a short amount of time to work through the implications of Covid19 on the Probation Reform Programme.

I am aware that there is some rumour that the PDP competition has been cancelled. That is not accurate.

Delivery of the Probation Reform Programme remains a top priority for the Ministry of Justice and we are committed to moving at pace to deliver reforms. You will understand that Covid19 is an unprecedented challenge and it is right that we take a small amount of time to ensure the programme is best placed to continue with reforms in this new and difficult operating context.

I would be very happy to discuss this further if you have questions on behalf of your members.

Yours Sincerely,

Jim Barton