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Dear Neil

Criminal Justice Board

We are writing to enquire as to the current status of the Criminal Justice Board and the RRT programme. We have heard very little about the work of the Board over the last 12 to 18 months and would like to urge greater transparency regarding its status, role and current priorities. At our very useful meeting with the Justice Board in April 2022, we had indicated that it would be helpful for the scrutiny bodies to be more sighted on the work of the Board. This would allow us to bear its work in mind when planning and carrying out our own scrutiny activity. This followed an earlier approach to Willie Cowan in late 2021 to request that an input be provided to the heads of the relevant inspectorates, which unfortunately did not receive a response.

In particular, we would be keen to learn more about the Board's current terms of reference, membership, workstreams, priorities and the progress being made towards them. We recall that in 2020, the Board was said to be developing a communication and engagement strategy regarding the RRT programme, but we have heard little further in this regard.

Yours sincerely

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