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**Dear Deposited Papers Clerks** 

I would be grateful if this letter and the attached NIAO Reports could be deposited with both Libraries.

There is a requirement at paragraph 18 to the Guidance on decision-making for Northern Ireland Departments during the period for Northern Ireland Executive formation1 for the Comptroller and Auditor General to share all Northern Ireland Audit Office reports and recommendations with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

Where applicable, the Northern Ireland Departments will also lay any departmental responses to these recommendations with the Northern Ireland Assembly. The Secretary of State is required to deposit copies with the Library and to promptly share them with the Northern Ireland political parties.

Yours sincerely,

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

Department of Justice Departmental Response to recommendations in the Northern Ireland Audit Office's report - Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System

Northern Ireland Audit Office's report - Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System