



The Rt Hon. Lord Bradley
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Dear Lord Bradley,

DATA UPDATE: ASSESSMENT, CARE IN CUSTODY AND TEAMWORK (ACCT)

I am writing to you to follow up on my answer to a written question you submitted in November 2020 regarding how many Assessment, Care in Custody and Teamwork documents have been opened in each of the last five years. As per my response of Monday 7th December, at the time of answering it was not possible to provide ACCT figures due to a technical issue with extracting historical ACCT data from the recording system.

We are pleased to inform you that we are now able to provide you with the data on how many prisoners have had an ACCT document opened for them in each of the last five years. The data are as follows:

2015: 25,258
2016: 26,998
2017: 27,079
2018: 28,033
2019: 27,389

Our data shows that on average around 2,000 individuals are being supported through ACCT on any given day, though the number fluctuates daily.

Unfortunately, we are not able to provide you with figures on how many ACCTs in total were opened in each of the last five years. As ACCTs are paper-based, if one is closed and another opened (for the same individual) within a short period of time, it may not always be recorded on the system as a separate ACCT, thus the figures we hold will not necessarily reflect the true number of ACCTs that have been opened.

I apologise we could not provide an exact answer to your question but hope that the data we are able to offer is of help to you. I am placing a copy of this letter in the House library.

Yours sincerely,

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