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*Dear Ms Arbuthnot*

### **INTERPRETING SERVICES ACROSS THE JUSTICE SECTOR**

Thank you for your letter dated 2 October, requesting a meeting to discuss the way forward in the provision of interpreting and translation services. I think that a meeting with Professional Interpreters for Justice would be a good way to engage with you on behalf of your members, who clearly represent a significant number of interpreters.

The National Audit Office had some very useful findings in its publication, which was published on 12 September. We have agreed to take forward all of the four recommendations and are currently considering how best to do that, in partnership with the contractor where appropriate.

I am sure you are aware of the recent hearing at the Public Accounts Committee and the forthcoming hearings at the Justice Committee on this subject. I understand that three of your members have been invited to give evidence to the Justice Committee. I would not wish to pre-judge that evidence by arranging a meeting immediately. Instead, I suggest that we await the outcome of the hearings so that all of the issues can be considered together.

I look forward to meeting you in due course.

**HELEN GRANT**