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Request regarding Biological sex recording at Guernsey Prison and Guernsey Police

Request for information:

1. Please advise what policy the States of Guernsey Prison follows in respect of the housing of prisoners who claim to be of a different sex to that of their biological (birth) sex.
2. Please advise whether Guernsey Police record crimes by biological sex or by self-professed gender identity?
3. Please advise which external groups or organisations, if any, were consulted in the formulation of the policies referred to in questions 1 and 2 above.

Response:

Guernsey Prison currently manages prisoners who claim to be of a different sex to that of their biological (birth) sex under its Prison Order entitled “The Care and Management of Transgender Offenders.

This policy ensures a multi-disciplinary approach which includes the prison service, probation service, healthcare teams and any other identifiable agency that can assist in meeting the needs of a prisoner.

This prison order was adapted in conjunction with current HMPPS prison policy framework “The Care and Management of Transgender Offenders” and is based on their analysis and research into this area.

Bailiwick Law Enforcement currently records an individual’s gender as identified by themselves (unless there is reason to believe the person is being dishonest). This subject is a developing area and BLE are continually looking at national trends and policy changes

around UK forces for crime recording and will fall in line to ensure that we are delivering a service that is safe and protects all members of the community.

BLE have liaised with – LGBTQ+ National Police Network, Ellie Jones of Liberate and David Howe from Gloucestershire Constabulary.