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**The Rt Hon David Gauke MP
Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice**

IAP briefing paper: Indeterminate Sentences for Public Protection

Dear Secretary of State

On behalf of the Independent Advisory Panel on Deaths in Custody (IAP) I am submitting this briefing on the health and well-being of people who are still serving the now long-abolished Indeterminate Sentence for Public Protection (IPP). By their own account, and those of health and justice professionals charged with their care, they are at high risk of self-harm and attempted suicide in custody in response to the hopelessness of their situation.

In preparing this briefing for you and your colleagues in the Ministry of Justice and the Department of Health and Social Care, we have identified ways in which these individuals may be enabled to make progress. We urge you to consider our findings and implement the recommendations as part of your obligation to take active steps to protect life. The IAP would welcome the opportunity to work with you and your officials and members of the Ministerial Board on Deaths in Custody to take this work forward.

*There are positive steps that can be taken now.
As ever Juliet Lyon*

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