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Dear Ms Eves,

### BROOK HOUSE INQUIRY

Thank you for your letter of 18 December 2023 and your work chairing the Inquiry into the mistreatment of individuals detained at Brook House Immigration Removal Centre. I am responding on behalf of the Secretary of State for Justice and Lord Chancellor as the Minister for Prisons and Probation. My remit includes the independent bodies which inspect and monitor places of detention.

I can assure you that my officials are engaging closely with the Home Office as part of a specialist cross-government working group established to manage the delivery of your recommendations made. This includes recommendation 32, which we own jointly with the Home Office, regarding enhancing the role of the Independent Monitoring Boards (IMB). While recognising their independence, we will also work with the IMB National Chair on the issues raised in your report.

Thank you for writing to me on this important matter. We will contribute to the government's formal response to your report, which the Home Secretary will publish in due course.

RT HON EDWARD ARGAR MP