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Dear Ms Saunders,

STATISTICS ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Thank you for your letter of 9 April. I am pleased that contextual information will be provided in future Ministry of Justice (MOJ) statistical releases and the CPS's Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) reports, each drawing on the other. This will enhance the value of this suite of analytical information.

It is also positive that the Head of Profession for statistics at the Ministry of Justice is offering support and advice on the processing, production and release of information in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics. The Code of Practice sets high standards, especially in relation to the quality and presentation of statistical information; voluntary adherence to the spirit and high standards of the Code will help to increase public trust and confidence in VAWG. In the current context the most relevant aspects of the Code include those relating to the quality assurance of the underlying administrative data, the orderly release of statistical information, and the adoption of professional standards in the presentation of the analysis (including the presentation of information about the coherence of the CPS's statistical information with other related official statistics, and clear descriptions of the strengths and limitations of the data and the analysis in relation to their use).

Yours sincerely



Sir Andrew Dilnot CBE