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Dear Mr Brooks,

Strategic Plan consultation

Thank you for your email of 9 May enclosing a copy of your response of 18 December 2015 to our Strategic Plan consultation. I am very sorry to say we have no record of your consultation response, despite the receipt confirmation email that you received.

The Commission takes the consultation process very seriously and having now received your response we have looked carefully at the issues you raised. I hope you are reassured to know that the majority of the issues you mentioned in your response were raised by other organisations responding to the consultation (the exceptions being boys in care, workplace deaths, new fathers and negative portrayals of men, boys and fathers), and were therefore considered for inclusion in our new Strategic Plan. Most of the issues you mention are also referred to in our report on the consultation, although this is not an exhaustive account of the representations received.

You may find it helpful to know how we propose to address issues of men's disadvantage in our Strategic Plan.

- High male suicide rate: to be addressed in our programme on health inequalities.
- Education: attainment gaps and exclusions affecting boys to be addressed in our programme on educational inequalities.

- Deaths in custody: to be addressed in the follow-up to our inquiry on deaths of adults with mental health conditions in custody.
- Male victims of violence: we anticipate that our work on identity-related violence will address attitudes towards both male and female victims of sexual and domestic violence.

Our Strategic Plan, and the consultation report, can be read here:

www.equalityhumanrights.com/strategicplan

I hope that this information is helpful to you, and I am sorry that the response you took time and care to send us could not be considered at the appropriate time.

Yours sincerely,



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