**Annex B**

Changes to format of Population Bulletin: Monthly

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**Introduction**

The Population Bulletin: Monthly is intended to provide information on the capacity and population by prison in the NOMS custodial estate on the last working Friday of each month.

The main data fields (Baseline Certified Normal Accommodation, In Use Certified Normal Accommodation, Operational Capacity and Population) will continue to be included.

The following fields will no longer be included:

* Percentage Population to In Use Certified Normal Accommodation (CNA)
* Percentage Accommodation Available

These measures are calculated using the main data fields (Baseline CNA, In Use CNA, Operational Capacity and Population) which will continue to be included in the monthly population bulletin.

The number of prisoners held in crowded conditions is a detailed measure and cannot be obtained from the data provided within this bulletin. Official crowding statistics (including total number of prisoners held in crowded conditions by establishment) are published annually as part of the Annual NOMS Digest Official Statistics Bulletin in the supplementary tables (“Crowding and Population”) in the following link

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/prison-performance-statistics-2015-to-2016>

**Details of the fields to be removed**

**Percentage Population to In Use Certified Normal Accommodation (CNA)**

**How this field is calculated**

By dividing the Population by In Use CNA. As both of these fields are still included in the report it is possible for users to calculate this figure manually, if required.

**Details**

This figure indicates the percentage of prisoners held in excess of the CNA.

This figure does not:

* Indicate the number of prisoners held in crowded conditions; or
* Provide a useful indication of which establishments are holding the most prisoners in crowded conditions; or
* Provide an accurate percentage of the establishment’s population currently held in crowded conditions.

**Percentage Accommodation Available**

**How this field is calculated**

By dividing the In Use CNA by Baseline CNA. As both of these fields are still included in the report it is possible for users to calculate this figure manually, if required.

**Details**

This figure provides the proportion of CNA places that are out of use on the last working Friday of the month.

**Crowding Levels**

To obtain accurate data on the number of prisoners held in crowded conditions the supplementary tables (“Crowding and Population”) in the Annual NOMS Digest Official Statistics Bulletinshould be used – see below link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/prison-performance-statistics-2015-to-2016>

Identification of the number of prisoners held in crowded conditions must include:

1. All prisoners held in excess of the In-Use CNA of each establishment
2. All prisoners sharing cellular or dormitory accommodation with those prisoners in point A, as all of these prisoners are considered to be held in crowded conditions.

It is not possible to establish this information from the figures available in this bulletin.

Note: An establishment where the population does not exceed the In-Use CNA may hold prisoners in crowded conditions, depending on operational requirements within the establishment.