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**Subject:** FW: Woman's Hour

John

Thank you for bringing this to our attention, this matter has been discussed with the Governor here.

Further to our conversation this morning I would confirm the following -

We have taken advice from HQ on the content of your email. We note that as a private citizen it is your right to speak in any media which you choose.

However, the views which you express in your email in relation to the roles of men and women are contrary to the Prison Service Vision and Values. We realise that you speak in generalities not in specifics, but the content of the email poses issues about our offenders, and the equality of opportunity which we hold dear. The second half of your email is considered to be unhelpful in this way.

Our view is that for you to express these views publicly, as a representative of Official Prison Visitors would bring HMP Winchester and the Prison Service into disrepute. This would in turn mean that you would not be able to carry out the role of Co-Ordinator of the OPVs at Winchester or to be an OPV at this or any other establishment.

I am grateful to you for your consideration and note that you have agreed not to speak to Womans Hour on this subject.

Wendy