

Mentions of Oxford and Oxbridge in Parliament

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House of Commons; Justice Committee

Justice Committee - User Voice, Angela Levin, Jonathan Robinson, Prisoners' Advice Service - Prisons: planning and policies

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Summary

The Committee heard from:

- Paula Harriott, Head of Programme, User Voice
- Angela Levin, former Chair of HMP Wormwood Scrubs Independent Monitoring Board
- Jonathan Robinson, former prisoner
- Deborah Russo, Prisoners' Advice Service

Extract

Q9 Nick de Bois: Can I get some context to what you said about there being thousands of incidents of self-harm? I think you were suggesting that this was post-implementation of the cuts. Can you quantify that?

Angela Levin: I do not have the exact figures for Wormwood Scrubs on me—

Q10 Nick de Bois: I think you were making a general comment.

Angela Levin: Over the country, it has gone up by 24,000 in less than a year.

Q11 Nick de Bois: The interesting thing I want to dig into is that I have a report from the **University of Oxford** that says there were 140,000 self-harm incidents between 2004 and 2009, involving 26,500 prisoners. Is that 24,000 increase in the number of incidents or the number of prisoners?