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Dear Charlie,

**HMIP report on an independent review of progress at HMP Hull-
14-16 March 2022**

Thank you for your Independent Review of Progress report at HMP Hull, whereby you followed up nine key recommendations and three Ofsted themes from your most recent inspection that took place 14-16 March 2022.

I am encouraged to note that you have seen good or reasonable progress being made across eight of the recommendations and Ofsted themes, and note the following:

- **Use of Force**

The Use of unplanned force had reduced by around 25% in the 6 months to the IRP compared to 6 months up to the last inspection. Planned incidents had fallen by 55% across the same periods, and the quality of Use of Force records was very good.

- **Safety**

The revised Safety Strategy has used good analysis of data to inform decisions which has resulted in a significant reduction in levels of assaults since the previous inspection. Prisoner on prisoner assault has reduced by 55% and prisoner on staff assaults have reduced by 60%. Fewer incidents were serious, and levels of violence are much lower than the average for the type of prison.

- **OFSTED**

The number of prisoners enrolling on education courses had increased by almost 60% since 2020-21, and the number of completions had risen by 88%. Functional skills enrolments had risen by 50%, and completions had more than doubled.

In respect of the four recommendations and Ofsted themes where you found insufficient progress, I can confirm that all the IRP findings have been carefully considered and steps will be taken to address them as appropriate. This will include the following:

- **Purposeful Activity**

A prolonged COVID-19 outbreak and national restrictions had hindered the prison's ability to improve the regime. Time unlocked was still too little for too many prisoners at around 1.5 hrs per day. I can confirm that the Governor has advanced plans to introduce a wide range of activities that will in turn increase time unlocked.

- **Healthcare**

Governance and risk management systems in Healthcare had been reviewed and many positive changes introduced across the service to support improving outcomes for patients. However, it was too early to be confident that the recently implemented systems would be effective in achieving their aim. The Governor will therefore continue to review the changes made to ensure they result in improved outcomes.

- **Diversity and Inclusion**

The consideration of monitoring data to identify and act upon potential disparities in treatment for protected groups across all key aspects of daily prison life remained limited. A new diversity and inclusion strategy with a comprehensive plan will be launched imminently. Implementation will be supported by the recent recruitment of additional staff from across the prison to help promote and support the work of diversity and inclusion.

The Governor with the support of the Prison Group Director will continue to progress the full Action Plan covering all the original HMIP recommendations. Similarly, all Prisons and Probation Ombudsman recommendations will be implemented with meaningful assurance to sustain progress.

I remain committed to ensuring continued progress against HMP Hull's agreed Action Plan and I can assure you that through my operational assurance functions and the support of OSAG we continue to closely monitor progress.

Whilst I acknowledge that there is still much work to be carried out at the prison, I am encouraged that progress is being made and that our monitoring of the prison is in line with your findings.

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