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Dear Charlie,

HMIP report on an Independent Review of Progress (IRP) at HMYOI Parc 23 – 31 January 2023

Thank you for your Independent Review of Progress report at HMYOI Parc, whereby you followed up on four key concerns and recommendations from your most recent inspection that took place from 28 March – 8 April 2022.

I am encouraged to note that you have seen good/reasonable progress being made across three of the key concerns and recommendations, specifically:

- **Safety/ Safeguarding** – HMYOI Parc have embedded a new process around safeguarding which is now focused on contextual safeguarding. This reporting year has seen an increase in referrals which has been attributed to the prison now having a dedicated social worker and changing the criteria for referrals. The team have also built a positive relationship with Bridgend County Council to strengthen partnership working.
- **Safety/ Safeguarding** – Since the admission from court of Child A, a full review was completed by the Multi Agency Practitioner Forum (MAP). A full review was also completed by the Criminal Justice Board and Youth Justice Board. Lessons learned from these reviews have been embedded to ensure children and young people are placed in the site that meets their needs. There has not been another case of a child requiring a hospital placement being placed at Parc.
- **Resettlement/ Training planning and remand management** – Since the HMIP inspection in 2022, every child now has a resettlement or transition plan depending on their next steps after their time at HMYOI Parc. This is a bespoke

plan focussed on the individual child, and produced with the child, his Needs Engagement and Wellbeing Team (NEWT) case manager, psychology staff and family members. HMYOI Parc have also been successful in gaining funding for a new resettlement portacabin which will have a kitchen, bedroom and washing machine. We hope this will prepare children for release back into the community by providing basic cooking, cleaning, and washing skills.

In respect of the one key concern and recommendation where you found insufficient progress I can confirm:

- **Care/ Equality, diversity, and faith** - A dedicated senior manager has been appointed as the lead of equalities, and a children's group "Beyond Differences" (A group to ensure the prison considers the voice of the child and looks at the needs of all children and young people to improve the services available) has been developed. Staff at Parc continue to make improvements regarding the analysis of data, and ensuring any potential concerns identified are acted upon. They are also working closely with the Ethnic Minorities Youth Support Team to support a multicultural/independent approach to equalities. An action plan has been developed to identify key concerns and monitor progress towards addressing them.

The Director, with the support of the Director of Strategic Support Assurance and Administration for Wales, will continue to progress with the full Action Plan covering all the original recommendations. I remain committed to driving continuous improvement at HMYOI Parc. I assure you that through my operational assurance functions and the support of OSAG we will continue to closely monitor progress. Whilst there is further work to be carried out at the establishment to improve outcomes for children, I am encouraged that progress is being made and that our monitoring is in line with your findings.

Yours sincerely

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