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Dear Charlie,

HMIP report on an Independent Review of Progress at HMP Risley 8-10th January 2024

Thank you for your Independent Review of Progress report at HMP Risley, whereby you followed up on five concerns and four Ofsted themes.

I am encouraged to note that you have seen reasonable/good progress being made across all of the concerns and Ofsted themes reviewed during the IRP visit and note the following;

- The actions taken in the overall living conditions, noting the improvements to showers across the prison, the refurbishment of the Care and Separation Unit and the installation of the new Dental Suite which has helped significantly reduce the waiting list for treatment.
- The improvements in the care of those most at risk of self harm and the local use of data to understand the drivers of self harm.
- The improvements in the time out of cell for prisoners following a review of the core day. I am pleased Ofsted inspectors found more meaningful activities available for men which has helped to increase attendance and achievement in qualifications.
- I am also pleased that the collaborative leadership approach by leaders, both locally and at group level has been acknowledged.

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;

- HMP Risley will actively recruit and train additional listeners to ensure there are sufficient numbers to support the current population.
- The establishment will continue to build on the work identified to identify drivers of self harm and provide support to those men at most risk of self harm.

- HMP Risley will escalate the concerns raised around the state of flooring and seek funding for the repairs needed.
- HMP Risley will continue to seek capital investment to increase the current activity spaces available.

The Governor with the support of the Prison Group Director will continue to progress the full Action Plan covering all the original recommendations.

I remain committed to ensuring continued progress against HMP Risley'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.

Yours sincerely

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