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Dear Colin,

INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF RESTRAINT PANEL (IRRP)

Thank you for your letter dated 12 April 2024, where you provided an overview of the work completed by the IRRP and your findings covering 2023.

I have read your correspondence with care. I would like to express my appreciation for the work carried out by the Panel, and yourself as the chair. Restraint is both a high profile and complex area with children and young people, I really value the work of the panel, as your findings help to inform and shape practice and policy improvements.

I acknowledge the findings of your report and welcome the ongoing dialogue between the Panel and the Youth Custody Service, as well as the ongoing support given to other stakeholders such as HM Inspectorate of Prisons who are better informed when they are inspecting sites within the youth estate.

I note that your report will be published online in due course and have read the Terms of Reference document with no further comment.

I thank you again in working with us and driving improvements for children and young people within our care.

RT HON EDWARD ARGAR MP