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Dear Helen

Counter Terrorism Joint Inspection - National Security Division and multi-agency arrangements for the management of terrorist offenders in the wake of terrorist attacks.

You will recall that we published the HMPPS Action Plan in response to the above Joint Inspection in July 2023 and provided a 12-month update in August 2024.

As agreed, this letter provides a further update on the outstanding actions.

The revised guidance on the Control and Interventions Matrix (CIM) has now been embedded into business-as-usual processes. As previously updated, the Counter Terrorism Assessment and Rehabilitation Centre (CT-ARC) are in fact going further than the recommendation and will be replacing the CIM with a new risk tool.

A new training package that will equip prison and probation staff to identify and report signs of radicalisation and changes in behaviours, and to manage terrorist and terrorist risk offenders more effectively is now complete. It was piloted in October 2024 and preparations for its launch are being finalised. Delivery of the new training is expected to commence in Spring 2025.

The Joint Extremism Unit has now completed the draft of the new Counter Terrorism policy framework following stakeholder consultation. It is currently going through final clearance and consultation, with publication expected by June 2025. In the meantime, the current policy and up-to-date internal guidance remain in force for frontline staff.

As part of the Pathfinder Reform Project, the Joint Counter Terrorism Prison and Probation Hub and CT-ARC are designing a new model, this design phase is expected to complete in Spring 2025. It is anticipated, however, that full implementation will take longer to realise given the complexities and cross-agency input required.

Regarding access to high side technology, we have commissioned some professional services to deliver this investment case. Their work concluded at the end of January 2025 with a completed investment case with costings. This case has now been incorporated into the agency's Spending Review proposals for 2026-2028 and we await the outcome of that.

The Home Office led MAPPS programme is progressing in the delivery of 'MAPPS for Counter Terrorism', but the originally advised date has been found not to be achievable. Following a review of scope, the effort required to deliver that scope and estimation assumptions, the programme is resetting and developing plans to evidence that a revised date of November 2027 can be achieved. This evidence is expected to be in place by the end of March 2025. In the meantime, we have improved the use of the national dangerous persons' database (ViSOR).

The development of a live National Security Division (NSD) Workload Measurement Tool (WMT) will now form part of wider digital improvements to the WMT, the NSD Activity Review has been completed in preparation for this.

We remain committed to ensuring continued progress on our commitments and will continue to closely monitor progress through bi-lateral meetings.

Yours sincerely

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