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Dear Home Secretary,

s55 response to The police response to electronically monitored bail conditions and the use of electronic monitoring on community sentences and post-release licence

I welcome this joint inspection by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services and HM Inspectorate of Probation and support its recommendations. Electronic monitoring can make an important contribution to public protection and victim safety, but its continued expansion must be supported by reliable information, effective risk assessment and clear accountability when conditions are breached.

I particularly support the recommendations for Chief Constables concerning safeguarding, the recording of decisions, communication with the Electronic Monitoring Service, updates to victims, management oversight, and assessment of future demand. I will seek assurance from the Chief Constable that Humberside Police has considered these findings and is taking appropriate action through the Force's established governance and accountability arrangements.

The inspection's concerns about fragmented information-sharing reflect local experience across the criminal justice system. More consistent data-sharing between the Ministry of Justice, police, probation, courts, and the Electronic Monitoring Service would reduce reliance on ad-hoc requests and provide partners with a clearer understanding of demand, risk and outcomes.

Local partners have also raised practical concerns about device availability, including cases where people leaving prison who should be tagged cannot be fitted with a device. Other barriers include people having no fixed address and reported allergies to current equipment. Any alternative technology must be introduced with sufficient capacity and accessible arrangements, particularly where individuals may need to attend probation services frequently to download monitoring data.

Victim communication must remain central. I will seek assurance that victims receive timely information following breaches and bail hearings in accordance with the Victims' Code, and that they are made aware of locally commissioned support services. Effective referrals to support may improve victim confidence and help reduce avoidable demand on policing.

I support the inspection's wider recommendations to strengthen national governance, data quality and information sharing. I will hold the Chief Constable to account for Humberside Police's response and monitor progress through my existing assurance and accountability arrangements.

Yours Sincerely



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