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The Rt Hon Suella Braverman MP
Home Secretary
Home Office
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31st August 2023

Dear Home Secretary,

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

As required by statute, I am writing to you to respond to the joint HMI Probation, HMI Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services, and HMI Prisons inspection report, named above.

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome this report. The threat from terrorism is real and serious. We have seen that terrorists can strike at any time and any place without warning, and therefore the management of terrorist offenders in the community is so vitally important. The police service clearly plays a key role and I am pleased that the report highlights the good progress so far with the introduction of the National Security Division of the Probation Service and good partnership working with policing.

I welcome the recommendations that have been made, albeit these mainly focus on national services and functions, not particularly for local oversight or influence by PCCs. However, I continue to feel reassured by the commitment and courage of our police officers, staff, and volunteers in Gwent specifically, and our local partnerships with other agencies to reduce the threat of terrorism locally.

This is re-iterated by the Chief Constable in her comment below:

I welcome this joint inspection report from His Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation, His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services and His Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons which examines the work of the Probation Service's National Security Division and multi-agency arrangements for the management of terrorist offenders in the wake of terrorist attacks. I am pleased the report highlights that agencies work well together to manage counter terrorism cases. However, the report also highlights areas where improvements are required, and I welcome the recommendations made within the report for Counter Terrorism Policing and other partners to strengthen the approach and minimise the danger to the public.

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg, a phan ddaw i law, byddwn yn ateb yn y Gymraeg – ni fydd hyn yn gohirio ein hymateb. Os hoffech dderbyn gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg o hyn ymlaen, neu os ydych wedi cael eich gwahoddi gyfweiliad neu gyfarfod ac yr hoffech ddefnyddio'r Gymraeg, anfonwch e-bost at: Commissioner@gwent.police.uk. Darperir gwasanaethau cyfieithu.

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Further to the comments from the Chief Constable, I am confident that we can continue our focus on making communities safer by preventing crime and managing offenders, in partnership with others.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eleri Thomas', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Eleri Thomas
Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent