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Dear Wendy

**HMP/YOI HATFIELD: INDEPENDENT MONITORING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT
FOR 1 MARCH 2016 – 28 FEBRUARY 2017**

Thank you for your Board's report for the year ending 28 February 2017. I am again grateful to you and your colleagues for all the hard work that has been put into writing your report and your helpful observations, especially as the Board has been short of members.

It was very pleasing to read such a positive report acknowledging the impressive range of education, purposeful activity and full employment available to the prisoners at HMP/YOI Hatfield. I am encouraged that HMP/YOI Hatfield continues to be a high performing institution, where the new Governor and staff are engaged and enthusiastic.

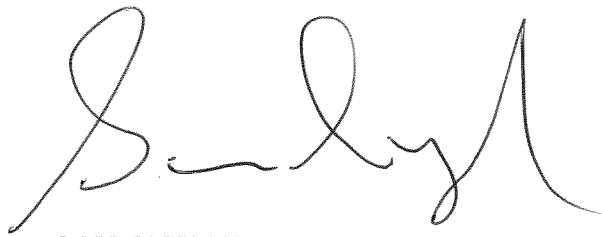
Although you have not raised any formal concerns for myself or HM Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS), you have identified the lack of quality of Offender Assessment System (OASys) documents from other prisons. The new Offender Management (OM) model considers and addresses the issues which prisons currently face around completing OASys Reports and will move the resource for the completion of OASys Reports away from local / reception prisons and into the training / resettlement estate. The roll out of the new OM Model has commenced with the aim to be in place in all open prisons by March 2019. I am pleased the prisons within Yorkshire prison group which feed HMP/YOI Hatfield have significantly reduced OASys backlogs and HMP Doncaster have committed to not transfer prisoners into HMP/YOI Hatfield without an up to date assessment.

I also acknowledge the difficulties in HMP Hatfield Lakes not having a dedicated maintenance team on site and am pleased steps have been taken to make best use of the resource by the team undertaking a number of non-urgent tasks in one visit. Urgent work will continue to be dealt with within the set two hour response time.

The Board's positive observations about improvements in the work of the resettlement department at HMP/YOI Hatfield in achieving good outcomes for prisoners are appreciated. The prison is keen to reduce reoffending by delivering excellent resettlement services to help prisoners secure work outside of prison, which they are able to continue on release.

I would also like to offer my congratulations to the prisoner who with encouragement and support promoted Black History Month by giving a presentation to prisoners and staff.

The Justice Secretary and I appreciate the valuable role played by members of Independent Monitoring Boards throughout the estate and we are very grateful for your continued hard work on behalf of HMP/YOI Hatfield.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam Gyimah', written in a cursive style.

SAM GYIMAH MP