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Chief Executive
Cardiff Council
[By Email]

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Dear Mr Orders

Cardiff Youth Offending Services: Response to HMIP Joint Inspection

Now that HMIP have published their findings following inspection of Cardiff Youth Offending Services and you have published your response I thought it might be helpful to acknowledge the early progress and commitment that we have seen.

YJB Cymru has been involved in all planning meetings, providing challenge and support where we can. You have redesigned your local Governance structure to develop a tight grip on practice improvement and strategic partners are contributing actively to address the gaps identified. We have been particularly pleased the partnership approach involving young people, staff and strategic leaders. Your approach aligns fully with our shared focus with the Welsh Government on Child First.

I was pleased to hear of the workshop for your councillors, intended to ensure transparency and to build confidence in the service and to draw on wider resources to support the children.

We are in no doubt of the major transformation work Cardiff needs to do and will continue to offer challenge and support in future, recognising that some developments will take time.

With best regards

Yours sincerely



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