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Lee Westlake  
Milton Keynes YOT  
CC Michael Bracey.

Our ref; PW  
9<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Dear Lee

**Ref: Milton Keynes Youth Justice Plan 2015/16**

Thank you for submitting the above plan.

As you will be aware there remains a statutory duty on local areas to prepare a youth justice plan and whilst the YJB no longer requires the plan to follow a detailed specification it does nevertheless require the plan to contain information on the following headings;

- Governance Arrangements
- Partnership Arrangements
- Resources and Value for Money
- Risks to Future Delivery

You will be aware that following previous Parliamentary Questions all Youth Justice Plans are placed in the House of Commons Library.

You should also note that all YJ Plans are forwarded to HMI Probation as part of the YJB contribution to the YJ Information Bank which the Inspectorate uses as part of its risk informed decision making process about which services to prioritise for inspection.

We congratulate you upon a concise and well-presented Plan. We were particularly impressed by the section detailing how the voice of the young person is obtained and used in driving services development. A second section also worthy of note was that detailing the training that has been made available to staff and also preparation for AssetPlus implementation.

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We also want to take this opportunity to acknowledge Milton Keynes YOT partnership's strong performance across each of the three national indicators which is testimony to the skill and expertise of your management team and workforce.

Finally, we wish to thank you for your work in Chairing the Sector Led Improvement Group. Your work in this capacity is very much appreciated. We are grateful for your contribution the development of the self-assessment tools in response to each of HMI Probation led joint thematic inspections of youth offending work. We have received very favourable feedback in relation to these tools from the sector and want to recognise your input to these.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paula Williams', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paula Williams  
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