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Dear Charlie,

## **HMIP report on an Independent Review of Progress at HMP Ranby 20-22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025**

Thank you for your Independent Review of Progress report at HMP Ranby, whereby you followed up on eight concerns and three Ofsted themes.

I am encouraged to note that you have seen good/reasonable progress being made across most of the concerns and Ofsted themes, and note the following;

- The measures taken to increase support for staff had reduced the amount of anti-social behaviour going unchallenged, and that you recognised the improved visibility of frontline leaders. That you observed a much cleaner prison, with better access to kit and cleaning materials, along with the steps the prison had taken to refurbish accommodation, using the prisoner project party.
- Increased opportunities for prisoners to access activities and improved prisoner participation and attendance in activity, along with the significant progress made through the prison wide approach to reading.
- Improved opportunities for employment through partnerships with commercial stakeholders and the personal development curriculum.

In respect of the concerns where you found insufficient progress, I can confirm that all the IRP findings have been carefully considered, and steps will be taken to address them as appropriate. This will include the following;

- The prison requires more support to prevent drone incursion and reduce the ability to access cell windows. Drone activity has increased across the prison estate and HMP Ranby is acknowledged as being at risk of drone incursion. Work is ongoing to significantly improve anti-drone physical security measures, to enable prisons to manage the ingress of illicit items.
- HMP Ranby are working with the new health provider to improve medicine administration times and improve the focus on delivering medicines in a more robust timeframe, with better staff supervision.

Whilst you acknowledged better joint working between Offender Management Unit (OMU) staff and key workers, HMP Ranby recognise that there is more to do in terms of offender management. The Heads of OMU have already produced a comprehensive action plan to drive this work forward. This includes regular supervision sessions for Prison Offender Managers; monthly audits of prisoner contact; monthly engagement sessions with key workers and assurance that DPS system is kept updated with sentence plan goals.

The Governor with the support of the Prison Group Director will continue to progress the full Action Plan covering all the original recommendations.

I remain committed to ensuring continued progress against HMP Ranby's agreed Action Plan and I can assure you that through my operational assurance functions and the support of the Performance, Assurance and Risk Group we continue to closely monitor progress.

Whilst I acknowledge that there is still much work to be carried out at the prison, I am encouraged that progress is being made and that our monitoring of the prison is in line with your findings.

Yours sincerely

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