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### **HMP ONLEY – COMMENDABLE PROGRESS**

HMP Onley had undergone significant changes and made good progress, said Nick Hardwick, Chief Inspector of Prisons, publishing the report of an unannounced inspection of the Warwickshire training prison.

Since its last inspection in 2007, Onley no longer housed young offenders or foreign national prisoners. Its change in role coincided with good progress in implementing our recommendations and a significant improvement in outcomes for prisoners.

Inspectors were pleased to find that:

- there was now strong leadership of learning and skills, a broad education curriculum, a wide range of vocational training and a good variety of work activity;
- resettlement work was much improved, underpinned by a good strategy and effective input from other agencies, such as Nacro and the Citizens Advice Bureau;
- the prison was generally safe with good procedures to tackle bullying and to care for prisoners at risk of suicide and self-harm;
- there was no evidence of the significant illegal drug use reported in 2007; and

- relationships between staff and prisoners were generally good.

However, inspectors had some concerns:

- limited offending behaviour programmes prevented a number of prisoners held on indeterminate sentences for public protection (IPP) from addressing their risk factors;
- the diversity strategy was too narrow in scope; and
- some rules and procedures were over-restrictive and too risk-averse.

Nick Hardwick said:

“This is a good inspection and while there is still room for further improvement in some areas, the governor and staff are to be commended on the progress they have made.”

Michael Spurr, Chief Executive Officer of the National Offender Management Service (NOMS), said:

"The Chief Inspector recognises that Onley has made significant improvements since its last inspection. The Governor and his staff will work hard to build on strong performances in safety, security and staff-prisoner relationships.

“The work the prison does in education, training and resettlement reduces the chances of prisoners reoffending on release.”

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**Notes to Editors:**

1. A copy of the report can be found on the HM Inspectorate of Prisons website from 8 March 2011 at [www.justice.gov.uk/inspectors/hmi-prisons](http://www.justice.gov.uk/inspectors/hmi-prisons)
2. HM Inspectorate of Prisons is an independent inspectorate, inspecting places of detention to report on conditions and treatment, and promote positive outcomes for those detained and the public.

3. This unannounced short follow-up inspection was carried out from 16-18 November 2010.
4. HMP Onley is a category C prison for adult males.
5. Please contact Jane Parsons in HMI Prisons Press Office on 0207 035 2123 or 07880 787452 from 0915 to 1415 Monday to Friday if you would like more information or to request an interview with Nick Hardwick.