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**HMP KIRKLEVINGTON GRANGE –
A WELL-PERFORMING RESETTLEMENT PRISON**

HMP Kirklevington Grange was very effective at preparing men coming to the end of long sentences for their return to the community, said Nick Hardwick, Chief Inspector of Prisons, publishing the report of an announced inspection of the Cleveland resettlement prison.

Kirklevington, serving the North East of England, carefully selected its prisoners. It successfully applied the principles of men making progress by working hard to put something back into the community and to acquire the skills, experience and confidence needed to get and hold down a job on release. These principles have a wider application in the prison system.

Inspectors were also pleased to find that:

- the prison was very safe;
- high standards of conduct and motivation were expected from prisoners, and these were rigorously enforced;
- prisoners were treated decently, with attention paid to their progression;
- diversity work, health care and basic services were all of a high standard;

- training workshops inside the prison were good quality, allowing prisoners to progress to unpaid community work outside the prison and, eventually, to paid work outside;
- all prisoners could participate in good quality education; and
- the prison had impressive community links with a good focus on restorative justice principles.

However, inspectors also noted that recording of some sanctions and decisions, such as returning men to closed conditions, needed to be improved.

Nick Hardwick said:

“Kirklevington Grange performs its specialist role effectively. At a time when ‘working prisons’ and reparation to the community are under much discussion, ministers could do worse than look at how Kirklevington tackles these issues.”

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

"This is an outstanding report and I am pleased that the Chief Inspector has recognised that Kirklevington Grange continues to perform its specialist role well and that he commends the work that goes into preparing prisoners for release.

“Providing prisoners with work skills and experience increases their chances of gaining employment on release and reduces the likelihood of reoffending. The Governor and her staff can be proud of the work they do.”

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Notes to Editors:

1. A copy of the report can be found on the HM Inspectorate of Prisons website from 29 September 2011 at <http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/inspectorate-reports/hmi-prisons/prison-and-yoi-inspections>.
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 announced inspection was carried out from 9-13 May 2011.
4. HMP Kirklevington Grange is a semi-open resettlement prison for adult male prisoners.
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.