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**HMYOI GLEN PARVA – PROGRESSING WELL DESPITE RAPID CHANGE**

After a period of rapid change - which had not been easy for some staff - Glen Parva Young Offenders Institution has progressed and was now performing reasonably well in many areas, said Anne Owers, Chief Inspector of Prisons, publishing the report of a short unannounced follow-up inspection.

Despite a challenging and volatile population, Glen Parva had maintained good levels of safety. Violence reduction work had improved and there were sound reception, first night and induction arrangements. Vulnerable prisoners could now be housed safely on normal location. However, there was still more to do to address bullying adequately and to improve the quality of work to prevent suicide and self-harm.

Staff interacted better with prisoners and were supported by a good incentives and earned privileges scheme. There had also been significant improvements in the management of race equality and foreign national issues, as well as healthcare.

However, inspectors also found:

- The environment remained grubby and in need of refurbishment
- There was still too little purposeful activity, although the quality of what there was, and access to it, had improved
- The strategic management of resettlement was limited, there was still no custody planning and demand for offending behaviour programmes exceeded supply

Anne Owers, Chief Inspector of Prisons said: "It is always gratifying to record progress against our recommendations and Glen Parva is to be congratulated on what has been achieved. It is also impressive when an out of date culture among some staff is successfully confronted and changed. While a few staff clearly felt the pace of change was too rapid, we were pleased to be told repeatedly by others that they were now much more focused on ensuring that the young men in their charge engaged in constructive activities. Inevitably there is more to do, but Glen Parva is now performing reasonably well across the board and the challenge for the establishment will be to sustain this momentum."

Phil Wheatley, Director General of the Prison Service said:

“I join the Chief Inspector in congratulating management and staff at Glen Parva on their considerable successes, and am pleased that the report recognises their excellent work with a challenging population.

“I am confident that Glen Parva will continue to build on the progress made. Since the inspection work has taken place to update the violence reduction and the self-harm and suicide prevention strategies, and work is ongoing to further develop the provision of purposeful activity.”