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**HMP WAYLAND – GENERALLY POSITIVE
BUT DRUG TREATMENT AND HEALTH CARE CONCERNS**

HMP Wayland had many strengths but must urgently address its health care and drug treatment arrangements, said Nick Hardwick, Chief Inspector of Prisons, publishing the report of an announced inspection of the Norfolk training jail.

The prison had expanded in recent years and seen significant changes to its population. Inspectors found the prison was settling down and, in most areas, producing some good outcomes for prisoners. There were, however, some major exceptions to this generally positive picture and these needed to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

Inspectors were pleased to find that:

- Wayland was a generally safe prison, with relatively low levels of bullying and thorough investigations into alleged incidents;
- use of force was low and care for prisoners at risk of suicide and self-harm was good;
- there was good provision of purposeful activity, with a wide range of high quality work and education available;
- most prisoners could leave their cells for at least eight hours a day; and

- there was a good range of resettlement interventions, particularly with housing and employment needs.

However, inspectors had some concerns:

- changes to the drug treatment system had been badly introduced and caused significant disruption to the prison and risk to individual prisoners;
- strategic management of health care was poor and partnership arrangements were weak;
- staff shortages and the chaotic administration of medication had a negative impact on the prison regime as a whole; and
- offender management arrangements were weak and inconsistent.

Nick Hardwick said:

“Most prisoners at Wayland were safe and lived in decent conditions. They could take part in a range of good quality work, education and training activities and, for the most part, they received effective help with their practical resettlement needs.

“These good arrangements were put at risk by poor health care, the very poorly implemented introduction of an opiate dose reduction regime and weak planning of prisoners’ sentences to reduce the risk of reoffending on release. These weaknesses need to be quickly addressed if the prison is to continue its progress and avoid slipping back.”

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

"This is an encouraging report and I am pleased the Chief Inspector identified that despite significant changes to its population, Wayland was safe and provided good outcomes for prisoners. The Chief

Inspector's comments on purposeful activity and self-harm reduction measures are also welcome.

"Since the inspection, the Governor and staff have worked with providers to undertake a programme of improvements to areas such as health care, including better drug treatment systems.

"These measures, combined with a good range of resettlement provision, will reduce the likelihood of reoffending and thereby protect the public."

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Notes to Editors:

1. A copy of the report can be found on the HM Inspectorate of Prisons website from 11 October 2011 at <http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/inspectorate-reports/hmi-prisons/prison-and-yoi-inspections/index.htm>
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 6-10 June 2011.
4. HMP Wayland is a category C male training prison.
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.