

Rt Hon Suella Braverman MP Secretary of State for the Home Department 2 Marsham Street London SW1P 4DF

Date: 13th September 2023

Dear Home Secretary,

SUBJECT: Counter Terrorism Joint Inspection – National security division and multi-agency arrangements for the management of terrorist offenders in the wake of terrorist attacks

I write in response to the recent joint inspection of the management of terrorist offenders.

Ensuring the safety of the public remains the number one priority for law enforcement and criminal justice agencies. The effective management of offenders is crucial in that regard and as the events reported in the media over the past week have illustrated, the failure to properly assess and secure offenders can bring a heightened amount of concern and worry to communities.

I am grateful to HMICFRS for its contribution in the undertaking of this joint inspection. On such highrisk matters, it is essential that we actively encourage such cross-sector inspections to ensure not only that areas of concerns are identified, but that respective inspectorate bodies then have the appropriate mandate to drive the required improvements.

I acknowledge the findings of the report and support the recommendations made to improve existing arrangements. I have raised the report with the Chief officers at Greater Manchester Police and with colleagues at the Greater Manchester Probation Service (GMPS). I am informed that mechanisms remain in place to ensure effective connection and interface between GMPS and the National Security Division (NSD), with a third key role played by the Probation Counter Terrorism Lead (PCTL) who is based within the Counter Terrorism Unit.

As Chair of the Greater Manchester Justice and Rehabilitation Executive, I will also ensure that a copy of the report is shared with all members for consideration, to ensure a platform for any discussion in respect to the report findings.

Yours sincerely

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