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Home Secretary
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Dear Home Secretary,

A joint thematic of Integrated Offender Management (IOM)

I am writing to you in response to the above report which states the scant development of IOM since 2015 is disappointing and that it has a much lower profile than previously. In particular there are three recommendations identified for all Chief Constables.

The West Mercia IOM scheme utilises a partnership approach to deliver activity aligned to the seven critical pathways of reducing reoffending and some progress has been made in addressing and improving the force approach to IOM. This has included producing a tailored repeat/recidivism product which informs each local policing area of their service users and those how are most at risk, restructuring resources to incorporate a high harm offender management post and commissioning a review of the effectiveness of the IOM response.

The report also recommends police and crime commissioners should assure themselves that all relevant partners and services are involved in the delivery of IOM. In support of my Safer West Mercia Plan I have a well-established Crime Reduction Board which brings together Heads of Service for the CJS, Community Safety leads, Local Authorities, NHSE and PHE to agree a coordinated approach to crime reduction, reducing reoffending and community safety across West Mercia.

Cross stakeholder scrutiny and challenge of IOM takes place at this meeting and most recently I have agreed to establish a task and finish group to carry out a root and branch review of IOM services across West Mercia.

The review will be concluded later in the year and the outcomes will be used to improve and enhance our approach to IOM and the service provided.

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John Campion
Police & Crime Commissioner
West Mercia