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Dear Colleague,

Integrated Offender Management (IOM) - Key Principles Guidance

As the Chair of the IOM National Strategic Board I am always impressed by the level of enthusiasm and activity that is taking place locally as areas develop their own approaches to IOM. I am firmly of the view that the real success of this work is that it is a locally driven initiative, responding to local needs and priorities.

Following a wide consultation with front line practitioners we have drawn up a set of minimum standards, in line with the IOM Policy Statement, to assist areas in ensuring that their local IOM arrangements are as robust as they can be.

The guidance is based on the five key principles set out in the policy statement and, at its most ambitious; IOM should operate on the following principles:

- All partners tackling offenders together;
- Delivering a local response to local problems;
- Offenders facing their responsibility or facing the consequences;
- Making better use of existing (and proven) programmes and governance:
- All offenders at high risk of causing serious harm and/or re-offending are in scope.

The key principles guidance lists a number of questions under each area for partnerships to work through to identify the strengths of their arrangements and highlight areas for further development. Along with the guidance we have developed a self-assessment tool which will help partnerships consider a more detailed breakdown in relation to each principle, the tool will be distributed after the Easter break.

I would like to encourage you all to continue the excellent work that is taking place and to use the guidance to support your local arrangements. I hope that you find this useful. If you have any enquires please email the PPO/IOM team at ppo@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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