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5 March 2012

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*Dear Mike,*

Please find enclosed a copy of a press release by the Trust in response to the findings of our recent Offender Management 2 Inspection. In addition, I have enclosed a press release from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP).

You will see from the narrative that HMIP has judged the practice of our Trust to be particularly strong and consistent. When seen in the context of our current operational performance being judged by NOMS as 'exceptional', you will appreciate how pleased we are.

My aim is to continue to build on our current success. I am always very conscious that lots of the things we do and the way we do them, are only made possible through the excellence of our working relationships, formal and informal partnerships.

Many thanks for the support you have provided to our Trust since vesting in April 2010. Long may that continue.

*Best wishes  
Yours Sincerely*

*Russell Bruce*

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## PRESS RELEASE

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Durham Tees Valley Probation Trust (DTVPT) has been highly praised following the latest inspection by HM Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP).

In a report published today (February 28th, 2012) it states that, "...strategic leadership was strong, with a cohesive management team that was clear about the direction it was taking the Trust."

The inspection focused on three main areas of service provision and compared DTVPT results with the scores from other English regions already inspected. DTVPT came out well on top with the highest scores in two of the categories and was just one percentage point behind the leader in the other:

	Lowest	Highest	Average	DTVPT score
Control – Risk of Harm to others (action to protect the public)	64%	81%	73%	<b>83%</b>
Help and change – Likelihood of reoffending (individual less likely to reoffend)	62%	78%	72%	<b>82%</b>
Punish – Compliance and Enforcement work (individual serves his/her sentence)	69%	<b>85%</b>	78%	<b>84%</b>

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Russell Bruce, the Chief Executive of the Trust, was delighted with the performance: "I am extremely pleased with the findings contained within this report. They demonstrate that Durham Tees Valley Probation Trust is performing better than the National average in a number of areas; managing safely the risk of harm an offender presents; changing an offenders attitude and behaviour; and engaging the offender to comply with the requirements of their sentence.

"These positive results reinforce the commitment of our Trust Board, Managers and staff in delivering services that have a demonstrable impact on the offenders we supervise. I am proud of our achievements and welcome this very positive appraisal of our practice."

The Chairman of the Trust Board, Sebert Cox OBE said:

"The Durham Tees Valley Probation Trust is recognised as one of the highest performing in the country. This HMIP report provides proof that our staff deliver their work to the highest quality. It also praises the leadership provided by the Trust Board and Management team, and acknowledges our ability to develop innovative services that demonstrate real value for money whilst delivering the best possible outcomes for the communities we serve." In summing up Liz Calderbank, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Probation said: "Overall, we consider this an extremely creditable set of findings."

The strong performance of the Trust was underlined by a further inspection by OFSTED, which assessed the provision of opportunities for offenders to improve their education and learn new skills in a bid to increase their chances of finding work. Overall effectiveness of these services was rated as good, only one level down from the highest grade, outstanding. The quality of the provision, achieving and sustaining outcomes, and leadership and management was also rated good.

The OFSTED report says:

"Processes for referring offenders to learning and employability skills provision were good. Unemployed offenders were given good help to improve their employment prospects. They received good information advice and guidance and good support to develop their job seeking skills. The number of offenders finding sustainable employment was particularly good."

It was found that in 2010/11, 343 DTVPT offenders gained employment, greatly exceeding the regional target.

In areas where a small level of improvement was called for, e.g. making a priority of tests for basic skills and learning disabilities, and providing more access to courses for offenders to improve their basic skills, an improvement plan has already been put in place by the Trust.

#### **Note to Editors;**

The full report into the Offender Management Inspection (OMI) 2 can be read at  
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[www.inspectorates.homeoffice.gov.uk/hmiprobation/inspectreports](http://www.inspectorates.homeoffice.gov.uk/hmiprobation/inspectreports)

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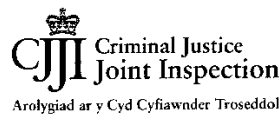
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**Independent inspection of adult offending work**



24 February 2012

**EMBARGOED UNTIL 00:01 – TUESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2012**

**PUBLICATION OF INSPECTION REPORT  
Inspection of Offender Management in Durham Tees Valley**

The latest inspection report on adult offending work in England and Wales was published today.

Andy Smith, Assistant Chief Inspector of Probation, said:

“This inspection of offender management work in Durham Tees Valley took place as part of our second programme of Offender Management Inspections. We have examined a representative sample of probation (adult offending) cases from the Trust, and have judged how often the work with each case was done to a sufficiently high level of quality.

“The purpose of offender management has been usefully characterised as to ‘Punish, Help, Change and Control’ each individual offender, in accordance with the need of the individual case. Although our detailed inspection findings can seem rather technical for the general reader, our headline findings can be related to those ‘plain language’ purposes. We have given particular attention to the ‘Control’ purpose – the Public Protection aspect of the work – since this is where independent inspection can add the most value. Our ‘*Risk of Harm to others* score’ measures how well this has been done.

“Over the Trust as a whole, we judged that the work to keep to a minimum each individual’s *Risk of Harm to others* – i.e. the ‘Control’ purpose’ - was done well enough 83% of the time. The work to make each individual less likely to reoffend – the ‘Help’ and ‘Change’

purposes - was done well enough 82% of the time. Work to maximise compliance and enforcement was done well enough 84% of the time. A more detailed analysis of our findings is provided in the main body of this report, and summarised in a table in Appendix 1. These figures can be viewed in the context of our findings from the English regions that have been inspected to date – see the Table below.

“Strategic leadership in Durham Tees Valley was strong; with a cohesive management team that was clear about the direction it was taking the Trust. “Local Standards for the Management and Supervision of Offenders in the Community” had been introduced, and the evidence based “Citizenship” programme provided the core component of offending behaviour work. Some good work had been undertaken with offenders under supervision, and offender managers were positive about their training and supervision.

“Overall, we consider this an extremely creditable set of findings.”

	Scores from the English regions that have been inspected to date			Scores for Durham Tees Valley
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**NOTES TO EDITORS**

1. The report is available at <http://www.justice.gov.uk/about/hmi-probation/index.htm>.
2. This Offender Management Inspection 2 programme started in September 2009. Adult offending work is being inspected by visits to all NOMS areas and trusts over a three-year period from September 2009.
3. The purpose of offender management has been usefully characterised as to 'Punish, Help, Change and Control' each individual offender, in accordance with the need of the individual case. Although our detailed inspection findings can seem rather technical for the general reader, our headline findings can be related to those 'plain language' purposes. We have given particular attention to the 'Control' purpose – the Public Protection aspect of the work – since this is where independent inspection can add the most value. Our 'Risk of Harm to others score' measures how well this has been done.
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