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Date : 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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Dear Ms Goldring

Thank you for sending His Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons (HMI Prisons) a copy of your Regulation 28 report following the death of Mr Steven Weatherley at HMP Thameside. Your correspondence was received by our office on 24 July 2023.

In response, it is important that I outline that the purpose of HM Inspectorate of Prisons is to ensure the regular independent inspection of places of detention, report on conditions and treatment and highlight concerns to the relevant authorities with the aim of improving outcomes for those detained. As such our remit is distinct from the role of HM Prison and Probation Service and so my response can only address issues related to the inspection process.

Inspections are carried out against published inspection criteria known as Expectations and as an independent inspectorate those criteria are set by me. We collate these Expectations against what we term our four tests of a 'healthy' prison, which include safety, respect, purposeful activity and rehabilitation and release planning. Issues related to self-harm are addressed under our safety test. All our reports are published and placed in the public domain.

We last carried out a full inspection of HMP Thameside in November 2021, following this inspection, we published written reports which include our concerns and the recommendations we made at the time to the prison.

We inspect adult prisons for men at least once every 5 years and often more frequently. As part of our preparation for each inspection we liaise closely with the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman, and have in place arrangements to share information. Nearly all of our inspections are unannounced and based on an on-going risk assessment. The information you have been able to provide us will, of course, feature significantly in our assessment of risk at HMP Thameside.

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I hope that you find the information we have provided useful. If you require anything further, we would be happy to assist.

Yours sincerely

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