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Dear Ms Hassell,

Thank you for your Regulation 28 report of 31 October 2024, addressed to the Minister of State for Prisons, Probation and Reducing Reoffending, following the inquest into the death of Wayne Anthony Bayley who died at HMP Pentonville on 17 May 2022. I am responding as Director General of Operations for His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS). I am grateful to you for granting an extension for our response.

I know that you will share a copy of this response with Mr Bayley's family, and I would first like to express my condolences for their loss. Every death in custody is a tragedy and the safety of those in our care is my absolute priority.

Following evidence heard at the inquest, you have sought reassurance that important learning and positive action which has taken locally at HMP Pentonville following Mr Bayley's death be shared more widely across the prison estate.

I would like to assure you that HMPPS' approach to investigations following a death in custody is to ensure that all learning is identified and used to improve our practices across the prison estate. This includes working with healthcare partners whenever there is relevant multi-disciplinary action to be taken. I am aware that NHS England are responding to you separately, and I do not wish to duplicate their response, however, I can assure you of our commitment to working collaboratively with healthcare providers and NHS England to facilitate effective delivery of healthcare services. HMPPS is fully supportive of the work being led by NHS England to improve awareness of sickle cell disease and other long-term conditions amongst all staff working in prison settings and will continue to work alongside them to deliver improvements.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to my attention. I trust that this response provides assurance that action is being taken to address this matter.

Yours sincerely

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