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RETURN VISIT TO HMP PERTH, 26-28 NOVEMBER 2018

Following the full inspection of HMP Perth undertaken between 14 and 25 May 2018, a number of serious concerns were raised in relation to the provision of healthcare within the establishment. Wendy Sinclair-Gieben said '*Health Improvement Scotland (HIS) will return to the establishment on two occasions over the next 18 months to continue to monitor progress against the improvement action plan to ensure these concerns have been appropriately addressed*'. This report is based on our findings during the first return visit undertaken between 26 and 28 November 2018. The report focusses solely on the healthcare services provided by the Partnership within the establishment.

Wendy Sinclair-Gieben said:

'It was clear that HMP Perth and Perth and Kinross Integrated Joint Board Health and Social Care Partnership (the Partnership), had invested and committed considerable time and resource to improve healthcare provision in the period between the full inspection and this return visit. Commendable progress had been made in many of the areas highlighted in the full inspection report, and it is testament to the Partnership that the service remains committed to addressing the serious concerns raised and improving the holistic approach to healthcare provision. I am pleased to note areas of developing good practice.'

Overall, inspectors recognised that although progress had been made; the impact on patient care would not be fully visible for some time as new processes and developments bedded in. The Inspectorate will return to HMP Perth in late 2019 to allow the Partnership to continue to work towards achieving their own action plan and confirm continued progress.'

Wendy Sinclair-Gieben
HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland
17 April 2019

NOTES TO EDITORS

1. HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland, Wendy Sinclair-Gieben was appointed in July 2018.
2. This report identifies what we found during our return visit to HMP Perth from 26-28 November 2018. On publication the report can be found at www.prisoninspectoratescotland.gov.uk
3. HMIPS and HIS will return to the establishment again in late 2019 to monitor progress against the improvement action plan.
4. For further information please contact Kerry Love, Business Manager, at Kerry.Love@gov.scot or on 0131 244 8484.

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