

**To: Chair of London Local Criminal Justice Board (LCJB)
Chief Executive – London Borough of Camden
Chair of Camden Crime and Disorder Partnership (CDRP)
Assistant Chief Constables – Metropolitan Police
Sector Director – with responsibility for Camden
Area Director – with responsibility for Camden
Chief Officer – London Probation Area
Youth Offending Team (YOT) Manager - Camden YOT**

25 July 2008

Dear Colleagues,

Prolific and other Priority Offenders (PPO) Programme: Premium Service Delivery Inspection

Further to the letter sent to Tim Godwin, chair of London Local Criminal Justice Board on 22 July 2008 by Andrew Bridges, Chief Inspector of Probation and previous correspondence from Stephen Cahill (Acting Director, Police and Crime Standards, Home Office), Phil Wheatley (Director General NOMS) and David Wood (Acting Chief Executive, OCJR), I am writing to you to inform you of our intention to include Camden in our forthcoming inspection of PPO schemes.

The purpose of the inspection is to examine how the Premium Service is being implemented locally and to identify both good practice and barriers to service delivery. It will focus on two of the three complementary strands of the PPO programme, namely Catch and Convict and Rehabilitate and Resettle and will examine the selection of PPOs and how they are tracked by each criminal justice agency and across those agencies. The inspection will also consider whether they are receiving a prioritised service by all agencies.

The inspection is being led by Mark Boother, HM Inspector of Probation, who will be co-ordinating the visit to your area. He will be supported by colleagues from the other four criminal justice inspectorates, HM Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate (HMCPSP), HM Inspectorate of Court Administration, (HMICA), and HM Inspectorate of Prisons (HMI Prisons). Mark can be contacted either by mobile on 07771527326 or by email at Mark.Boother@hmiprobation.gsi.gov.uk

Fieldwork for the inspection will take place from late September to mid November 2008, according to the schedule given in the table below.

LCJB	CDRP/CSP/Scheme	Date of Inspection	
South Wales	Swansea	w/c 29.09.08	
Cumbria	Scarfell Project*	w/c 06.10.08	
Norfolk	Norwich	w/c 13.10.08	
Devon and Cornwall	Plymouth	w/c 27.10.08	
West Midlands	Sandwell	w/c 03.11.08	
London	Camden	w/c 10.11.08	

*The Scarfell project covers all the CDRPs in Cumbria.

We anticipate spending no more than a week in each CDRP during which time we would like to examine a selected sample of case files and meet with relevant managers and practitioners from all the agencies concerned.

We appreciate the demands that inspection places on organisations and will work with you to keep these to a minimum. We will be writing separately to the chair of your CDRP, asking them to nominate a senior manager from the scheme to act as a liaison officer no later than **07/08/08** and giving further details of the inspection process.

If you have any comments or queries, please contact either Mark or me on the numbers given above.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Calderbank
HM Assistant Chief Inspector of Probation