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Dear Chief Executives of Probation Trusts and Chairs of YOT Management Boards,

**Multi-Agency Child Protection Inspections**

**Embargoed to 9.00am Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

As you are aware from my letter to you of 15 January 2013, HMI Probation was one of several inspectorates due to take part in the multi-agency child protection inspections led by Ofsted from June 2013.

We have now been informed that Sir Michael Wilshaw, HM Chief Inspector, Ofsted, has decided to defer the inspection. He has consequently written to Ministers in all the relevant departments and will make a formal announcement to this effect on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> April.

While Sir Michael's concerns about the child protection inspection programme are being resolved, Ofsted will introduce a new single inspection framework for children in need of protection and looked after children, for launch in September. In the meantime, they will continue to carry out separate inspections of local authority child protection arrangements, services for looked after children, and local authority adoption and fostering functions.

I very much regret that we are in this position as I know that many of you will have already started work to prepare for the inspections' start in June. We are committed to multi-agency inspection and will continue to work with Ofsted and our colleague inspectorates to develop the child protection programme which, we believe, will both benefit individual organisations and promote the safety of local children.

We will continue to keep you in touch with developments.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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