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Questions: HMI Probation

i Do you agree that HMI Probation's responsibility for the inspection of YOTs should be put into legislation?

Yes

Please give reasons for your answer::

HMIP have developed a strong expertise and considerable experience in Youth Justice since they started inspecting Youth Offending Teams and this has allowed them to ensure the effectiveness of the work of Youth Offending Teams and local Youth Justice partnerships. Through this expertise HMIP are able to focus on the identification of best and effective practice in Youth Justice. Their thematic reports frequently provide a really important focus on key areas of concern, and the individual inspection reports carry significant weight across the sector, providing critical quality assurance and an important framework for local partnership in which to shape services. HMIP's recommendations carry significant weight and an important tool for local services, through these recommendations they are able to identify and disseminate best practice, challenge poor performance and drive improvement across the sector.

j Do you think that HMI Probation should be reclassified as a Non-Departmental Public Body?

No

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HMIP are already independent, however retain very strong links to the Ministry of Justice and the Youth Justice Board. The roles and responsibilities of all agencies are set out in a memorandum of understanding which sets out for the public the key roles and responsibilities of these three bodies in conducting the monitoring and oversight of Youth Offending Teams across England and Wales. AYM's view is that HMIP's role as a key criminal justice agency is important and are not convinced that there are strong arguments for reclassification as a non-departmental body.

k Are there any further legislative provisions you'd like to see for HMI Probation?

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no