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Dear Mr Sargeant,

Thank you for your correspondence of 24 November 2022 regarding the petition currently before the Senedd's Petition Committee. I am grateful for the opportunity to offer my views on the issues raised.

South Wales Police works closely with partners in organisations such as local authorities and His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service to effectively manage offenders following their release from the prison estate. All persons who are sentenced to a custodial sentence of 12 months or more serve a proportion of their sentence in custody and are then released on licence. During this period, they must be supervised by probation staff.

We work closely with probation staff to manage the most serious offenders in our communities and to ensure that they do not commit further offences following release. Numerous studies have shown the effectiveness of effective resettlement into the community as being one of the key factors in reducing further offending. This often involves employment and education opportunities as well as suitable accommodation to which the petition refers.

I fully recognise the strength of feeling of the petitioners in Thomastown in Tonyrefail, however ultimately the placement of offenders released from prison are an operational matter for the local authority and His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service.

South Wales Police prides itself on making neighbourhood policing a priority and we will always seek to be the best at listening and responding to our community's needs. This includes responding effectively to the concerns specifically raised by the residents in this petition around anti-social behaviour, threats, violence and drug dealing.

Whilst I am reassured that our local teams are seeking every opportunity to make the community of Thomastown safe for all of the residents who reside in it, I have nonetheless asked my local officers to ensure that they are doing all they can.

Yours sincerely,

Jenny Gilmer  
Assistant Chief Constable



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