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089/09 QUEENS BIRTHDAY HONOURS 2010 – NOMINATIONS OPEN

Nominations are now open for the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2010. The national honours round represents an excellent opportunity to recognise the work undertaken by staff across NOMS. Director General Phil Wheatley said: "I attach considerable importance to staff receiving Honours in recognition of exemplary work and I am particularly keen to encourage staff to nominate colleagues who they consider to be deserving of a national Honour.

"Managers and staff should start considering nominations now, thinking broadly and laterally about whom could be nominated. Nominations should concentrate on impact rather than on the qualities nominees possess, or the number of committees to which they belong.

"Examples might include where colleagues have undertaken particular work with prisoners that has brought significant benefit for groups or individuals; where individuals have undertaken particular work for groups outside the Service, perhaps on a voluntary basis; or where colleagues have undertaken work with young people in the context of youth justice and probation.

"Honours nominations should reflect the communities that we serve, and should aim to reflect the diversity of our staff and stakeholders. This year I am looking to increase the number of female and black & minority ethnic candidates and improve the diversity of NOMS' candidates".

If you wish to put forward someone for nomination, please discuss this with your Governor, Head of Group or Chief Probation Officer, who have been sent nomination guidance notes and citation forms, as soon as possible. Nominations must be authorised by Regional Managers – Community Services/Directors of Offender Management and then Chiefs before being sent to Jim Fraser in the HR Directorate by Wednesday 30 September 2009.

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090/09 NEW NOTTINGHAMSHIRE PROBATION OFFICE UNVEILED

Nottinghamshire Probation Area's new office opened on Thursday 3 September, following the relocation of staff and services to a modern building in Mansfield's Arrival Square. The new premises replace the former probation offices

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on Nottingham Road and Sherwood Court, and will bring together under one roof a wide range of services including Community Payback, behaviour changing programmes, treatment for substance misuse and court liaison.

The opening is the culmination of over a year's work in the planning and relocation of various teams to the building. The new facility will ensure offenders are able to access the support required to help move away from a life of crime – making Mansfield, Ashfield and the surrounding area safer for local people.

Rob Moore, Director of Corporate Services at Nottinghamshire Probation Area said: "The Arrival Square office is modern, accessible and provides a working environment well suited to the delivery of our services.

"The relocation is instrumental in helping us achieve our aims of reducing reoffending and protecting the public and reinforces our commitment to crime reduction."

Contact details for the new office are:

Mansfield Probation Office
Arrival Square
Station Road
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