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Dear Sir Bob,

RAINSBROOK SECURE TRAINING CENTRE (STC)

Further to my letter on 15 January, I am writing to inform you that the latest assurance report for Rainsbrook STC has been published today via the Ofsted website, following their visit to the centre on 26 January. The full assurance report can be viewed via <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/11/1027078>.

The report acknowledges that early signs of improvement were seen during Ofsted's visit and in particular that children were now "appropriately out of their rooms for most of the day". However I am clear, and this is acknowledged by the Director – and the Youth Custody Service - that the Centre is in the early stages of its improvement journey and there is still much work to do to sustain improvements at Rainsbrook, in particular around education, and to ensure that progress is embedded in the wider senior management team at the centre. Whilst these early signs are welcome, not least in the context of COVID-19 which has continued to impact the centre in recent months, there is no room for complacency as much of the plan remains to be fully implemented. I will continue to monitor the situation very closely, to ensure that the centre builds on these early positive signs to bring about the long-term improvements that are required at the centre.

I look forward to discussing this matter further with you and the committee on Tuesday 9 March.

Yours sincerely

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