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Dear Sir Bob

INTRODUCING LOCATION MONITORING TAGS TO YOUTH COHORTS

I am writing to inform you that GPS enabled location monitoring tags were made available to eligible youth cases earlier this week, from 30 March 2020. These tags were initially introduced to youth cases in London in the autumn of 2019. The GPS tags are now available across England and Wales alongside the existing radio-frequency curfew tags, which are well-established and will remain an important option for managing individuals in the community.

This introduction builds on the successful completion of the national rollout of location monitoring to eligible adult cohorts in September of last year. The tags are available as a sentencing option in courts as well as part of licence conditions for those being released from custody. They provide judges and probation officers with an additional protective, supportive or safeguarding measure to deter young offenders from gang, knife and county lines crime and exploitation.

These tags will enable us to better support children in their efforts to turn their lives around and avoid crime.

I am placing a copy of this letter in the Libraries of both Houses.

Yours sincerely

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