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Dear [REDACTED]

The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (the Order)

Premises: HMP AYLESBURY, BIERTON ROAD, AYLESBURY

Following the fire safety inspection of the above premises on **9th and 10th January 2019**, I am writing to confirm my opinion that the identified individuals or groups of people would be at risk in case of fire. You will need to take action to ensure their safety.

In the event that a long-term solution cannot be implemented immediately, you will need to introduce interim measures to reduce the level of risk whilst longer-term measures are being prepared.

Fire safety measures are largely interactive, and fire risks can be controlled in many ways. Therefore, whilst the schedule refers to solutions you could adopt, I am not directing you to choose any one of them. It will be acceptable for you to implement any measures which achieve an appropriate standard of safety from fire.

Successful approaches to assessing and managing risk can be provided by accepted guidance, BS9999: 2017 or fire engineering calculations. Each of these requires the involvement of a person with comprehensive training or experience.

I have included additional information to assist you with planning what action to take:

1. The schedule identifies in each case the 'immediate' (i.e. what has its roots at the premises) and the likely 'underlying' (i.e. corporate) causes of the failures identified during the inspection.
2. Risk ratings for the fire safety measures and for key areas of fire safety management are set out in bar charts at the end of the schedule.

The risk ratings will be revised during any follow-up inspection. These will be shown as a second bar on the chart, demonstrating the improvement made.

There is no formal right to appeal against this letter but if you would like clarification of its contents or to comment on your experience of the visit, please contact either me or the CPFSI Team Leader on cpfig@homeoffice.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully

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Office of the Chief Inspector Crown Premises' Fire Safety.

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Schedule

Premises: HMP AYLESBURY, BIERTON ROAD, AYLESBURY

File Number: 0402/032/01

Sheet: 1 of 5

This schedule should be read in conjunction with the Home Office letter dated 16th January 2019.

2. PROTECTION OF STAFF AND PRISONERS.		
WARNING OF FIRE – MEASURES FOR FIRE-FIGHTING – LIGHTING LEVELS FOR SAFE WORKING – RISK OF FIRE SPREAD – SMOKE CONTROL		
Relevant article of the Order	Specific Failure to Comply with the Order	Steps considered necessary to remedy the failure to comply, including an illustrative example of a compliant measure.
Articles 4(1)(e), 7(6), 8 & 13	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>WARNING OF FIRE</u></p> <p>a. The premises were not equipped with appropriate fire detectors and alarms</p>	<p>a. The automatic fire protection for cells must ensure that prison staff members are alerted to cell fires sufficiently early to enable them to implement the cell fire response plan [REDACTED]</p> <p>In the absence of fitted automatic fire detection protection for cells, interim protection should be provided through the use of domestic smoke alarms or domestic multi-sensing fire alarms. These should be fixed and orientated according to the manufacturer's instructions, and positioned within the area of predicted smoke travel due to a fire in a given cell. Where domestic type fire detectors are installed [REDACTED] the cell call becomes an integral part of the means of giving warning in the event of a fire. Prisoners must be instructed to use the cell call in the event of a fire and regular monitoring on response times by staff should be undertaken.</p>
11	<p>Immediate Cause of Failure: <i>No suitable measure was in place</i></p>	<p>Safety Management Remedy: <i>Adequate arrangements are required for the day-to-day management of fire safety.</i></p>
11	<p>Likely Underlying Safety Management Failure: <i>Arrangements for the day-to-day management of fire safety were inadequate</i></p> <p>i. The sanctions' system is not used effectively to deter prisoners from tampering with fire detectors.</p>	<p>i. The sanctions system should be used effectively to deter prisoners from tampering with fire detectors.</p>
11	<p>Immediate Cause of Failure: <i>The planned fire safety measure had not been implemented</i></p>	<p>Safety Management Remedy: <i>Effective management of fire safety</i></p>
5	<p>Likely Underlying Safety Management Failure: <i>The fire safety policy was not followed.</i></p>	

4. EFFECTIVENESS OF STAFF ACTIONS TO TAKE IN THE EVENT OF FIRE.

FIRE TRAINING – EVACUATION

Relevant article of the Order	Specific Failure to Comply with the Order	Steps considered necessary to remedy the failure to comply, including an illustrative example of a compliant measure
<p>Articles 4(1)(f), 7(6), 8, 13, 15 & 21</p> <p>11</p> <p>11</p>	<p>a. The training delivered to staff provides insufficient theoretical instruction on the use of:</p> <p>i. Checking for tampering with fire detection systems.</p> <p>Immediate Cause of Failure: <i>No suitable measure was in place</i></p> <p>Likely Underlying Safety Management Failure: <i>Inadequate monitoring is undertaken to establish whether the fire safety arrangements are successful</i></p>	<p>a. The training delivered to staff should provide sufficient theoretical instruction on the use of:</p> <p>i. Checking for tampering with fire detection systems.</p> <p>Safety Management Remedy: <i>Suitable arrangements must be introduced for monitoring the success of the fire safety arrangements.</i></p>
	<p>b. The wing staff were not always able to implement the cell fire response plan safely and effectively.</p> <p>Immediate Cause of Failure: <i>The action plan did not set out a timescale for implementing corrective measures which was appropriate to the seriousness of the risk</i></p> <p>Likely Underlying Safety Management Failure: <i>The fire safety policy was not followed.</i></p>	<p>b. A sufficient number of prison response staff members should be available at all material times to ensure that they can implement the cell fire response plan [REDACTED].</p> <p>Safety Management Remedy: <i>The fire safety policy must be followed.</i></p>
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5. GENERAL MAINTENANCE.

Relevant article of the Order	Specific Failure to Comply with the Order	Steps considered necessary to remedy the failure to comply, including an illustrative example of a compliant measure
<p>Articles 4(1)(a-e), 7(6), 8 & 17</p> <p>11</p> <p>22</p>	<p>a. The fire safety measures were not always being tested and maintained in good condition and effective working order.</p> <p>Immediate Cause of Failure: <i>The planned fire safety measure had been removed</i></p> <p>Likely Underlying Safety Management Failure: <i>Ineffective arrangements for the responsible person to be provided with information on the changed status of fire precautions measures</i></p>	<p>a. The fire safety measures should be tested and maintained in good condition and effective working order.</p> <p>Safety Management Remedy: <i>The arrangements must ensure that the responsible person is alerted when the status of fire precautions measures changes</i></p>

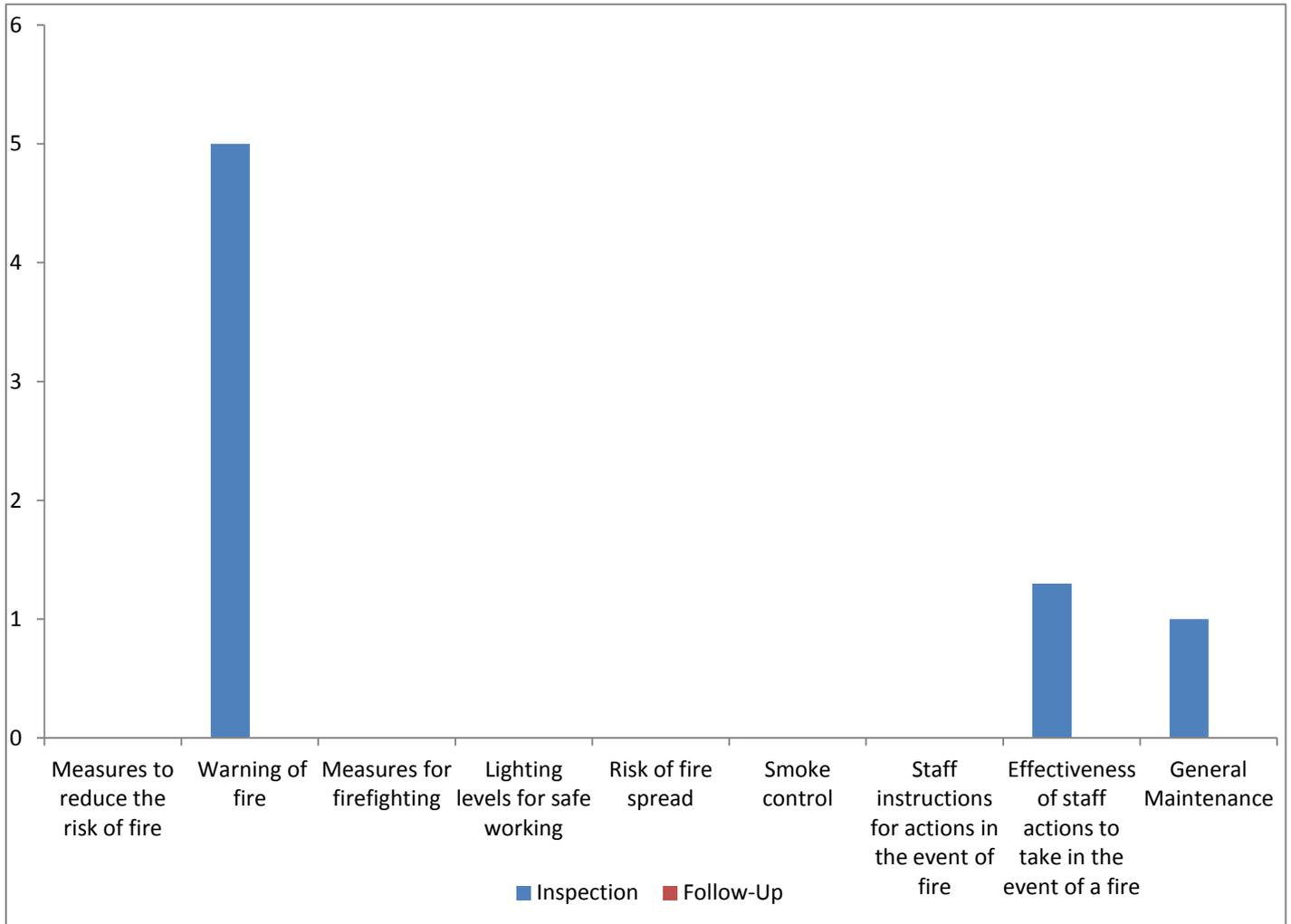
Where appropriate, a plan may form part of this Schedule to illustrate the steps which, in the opinion of the Crown Premises' Fire Safety Inspectorate, need to be taken in order to meet the requirements of the Order.

Note: Notwithstanding any consultation with other enforcing authorities undertaken by the Crown Premises' Fire Safety Inspectorate, before you make any alterations to the workplace which constitutes building works you must apply to your local building control body (the local authority or an approved inspector) for any necessary approvals and to any other body which has a statutory interest in the workplace if their permission is required for those alterations to be made.

RAG Score for each GFP

Current Serious Risk	4	5	6
Current Significant Risk	1	2	3
Tolerable Risk	0	0	0
	Adequate action planned	Inadequate action planned	No action planned

All sections within the RAG are averaged with the exception of section 2 (Protection of staff and prisoners) which uses the individual score for each requirement.



RAG Score for Fire Safety Management

Safety Management Failure Directly Linked to GFP Failure	4	5	6
Safety Management Failure Contributing to GFP Failure	1	2	3
Safety Management Failure Incidental to GFP Failure	0	0	0
	<i>Potentially Significant Risk</i>	<i>Significant Risk</i>	<i>Serious Risk</i>

