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Dear Pauline

Thank you for your recent request to visit Dungavel House Immigration Removal Centre (IRC).

I consider requests to visit the immigration detention estate carefully, in order to preserve the privacy and dignity of the individuals that are detained. In general, I give priority to local constituency MPs, or those with a specific responsibility for immigration.

I am committed to the independent scrutiny of our detention estate. This is a vital part of assurance that our detention facilities are safe, secure and humane. Robust statutory oversight is provided by HM Chief Inspector of Prisons and the Independent Monitoring Boards, ensuring that detainees are treated with proper standards of care and decency.

I am afraid I am not agreeing to your visit request, as I give preference to constituency MPs. I do however thank you for your interest. You may of course visit any constituents being held at the centre during visiting hours.

*Yours ever
Caroline*

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