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Dear Home Secretary

Regional Organised Crime Units – a review of capability and effectiveness

I am writing to you with my comments on the HMIC report entitled Regional Organised Crime Units – a review of capability and effectiveness, published on 1 December 2015.

I support the findings and recommendations in the report. Regional Organised Crime Units (ROCU) are a vital part of the national response to serious and organised crime.

The report is clear that much work remains to be done and that there is a real opportunity to build on the sound platform that ROCUs provide for regional collaboration. I am pleased the report recognises that it is not necessary for all ROCUs to be organised in the same way, and that each region will have its own characteristics and community needs.

I take on board the issues raised within the Yorkshire and Humber Region ROCU, and would like to assure you that there is a significant piece of work underway in the force on this currently.

In recent weeks, for example, the force moved across to a regional function for out-of-hours coverage and worked closely with the region on this area of business. I particularly support the need for each force to develop, by June 2016, an action plan setting out steps to make maximum use of their ROCU capabilities. I will ensure that this plan is developed in consultation with my office.

Yours sincerely

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cc Sir Tom Winsor, HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary
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Justine Curran, Chief Constable, Humberside Police
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