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*Dear Mr Hunter,*

Thank you for your letter of 31 May to the Home Secretary about the recent report from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) of Humberside Police around the National Child Protection Inspection. I am replying as Minister for Vulnerability, Safeguarding and Countering Extremism.

I note from the National Child Protection Inspection report that Humberside Police have demonstrated committed leadership and oversight but that this has not yet translated into consistent improvements in policing practice on child protection. However I am pleased to note though that HMIC view the response by the force to date, to its findings, has been positive and robust.

Whilst it is clear that there is much more to do, I welcome the action taken by the force to put in place measures to improve the way they respond to protecting vulnerable children, including a comprehensive action plan to address the recommendations in the HMIC report.

I hope that the priority placed by the senior leadership now on improvements in the frontline response will help to ensure the force is able to routinely provide better outcomes for children across Humberside.

*Yours sincerely,*

**Sarah Newton MP**