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Dear Home Secretary and Sir Thomas,

**HM Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services National Child Protection Inspection Report – April 2018**

I am writing to you with my comments on the above report, as required by Section 37 of the Policing and Crime Act 2017. I welcome the report, which was published on 13 April 2018.

I am pleased that the force is heading in the right direction but in this area it is clear the speed of progression has not been sufficient. The report mentions the introduction of a new database and acknowledges some impact that has had on the ability to make quicker progress but I don't think the report properly reflects the scale of that impact. This wasn't just a child protection database, but the wholesale replacement of all the core crime and intelligence systems that will, in time, allow the force to be more effective. In the short term it has been a huge effort for the force adjusting.

It should also be noted that in no cases examined were children let down by the force. That said, I expect the force to now make rapid progress in this area and my assurance mechanisms will be tracking that progress very closely.

I will post this response onto my web-site for public access.

Yours sincerely



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cc:

Rt Hon Nick Hurd MP

David Lloyd, Chair of the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners

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