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Dear Home Secretary and Sir Thomas,

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services: Humberside Police – Crime Data Integrity Inspection 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 17 July 2018.

I am pleased the Inspectors have recognised the progress made since the last crime data integrity inspection in 2014. In my response to the HIMCFRS Effectiveness Inspection in April 2018, I stated that I was reassured that the new force leadership team under Chief Constable Lee Freeman was getting to grips with a range of issues, one of these being crime data integrity. I therefore thank HMICFRS for commending the force's senior leaders for the outstanding work they have done to establish a culture where the value of accurate crime recording is fully understood across the organisation.

I was also made aware during the inspection of a number of concerns, particularly around certain aspects of violent crime recording. The force took immediate action to address those concerns, making changes to the command hub and increasing the level of scrutiny. These changes have been incorporated into the force hub review, which I receive updates on each month from the ACC (Operations). For example, the command hub now has a crime recording expert in place who advises on the crime counting rules. The changes, improved scrutiny and expert advice are all sustainable solutions which have led to steady but consistent improvements in recording accuracy.

Overall, I am pleased with the progress highlighted by HMICFRS, especially the comments around outstanding leadership and the improvements made to ensure crimes are recorded accurately. Obviously



a grade of 'Requires improvement' is not good, but this report clearly shows Humberside Police continues to be on a path of sustained improvement.

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

Yours sincerely



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cc:

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