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Dear Home Secretary

Crime-recording: making the victim count

Back in August 2014 I commented on the specific force inspection report into Crime Data Integrity.

I am now writing to you with my comments, as required by statute, on the recently published 'Crime-recording: making the victim count' thematic inspection report. This latest report is the final inspection report of crime data integrity. There are no specific recommendations in the report.

I would like to place on record that the report is fully welcomed.

My response back in August 2014 contained my thoughts specifically on the inspection findings for Humberside Police. I would therefore refer you back to that response and reiterate what I said, namely that I will work with the Chief Constable to focus our attention on three key areas in the first instance:

- (1) Improved training around crime recording;
- (2) Ensuring that recommendations do not create unnecessary bureaucracy; and
- (3) Providing both the time and opportunity for the Chief Constable to put in place what is operationally sound whilst better meeting the needs of victims of crime.

I have also personally instigated monthly sampling of crime incidents to ensure improvements in crime recording are achieved. This is being undertaken by my team and will add significant impetus to the need identified in the report for a greater focus on the victim.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on the thematic report into Crime Data Integrity.

Yours sincerely

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