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Dear Home Secretary

HMIC Inspection Report – Strategic Policing Requirement: Humberside Police

Back in June 2014 I commented on the thematic inspection reports into two specific elements of the Strategic Policing Requirement, namely public order and cyber crime. I am now writing to you with my comments, as required by statute, on the recently published inspection report. This latest report comments on the arrangements in place within Humberside Police to meet the Strategic Policing Requirement. There are no specific recommendations in the report.

I would like to place on record that the report is fully welcomed, as issues such as public order, terrorism, serious organised crime, civil emergencies and cyber-crime are real and significant threats from a local, regional and national perspective. This report will add significant impetus to the need for a greater focus, in particular on cyber-crime, and will help to communicate the challenges to the Chief Constable, partners and the public.

My response back in June 2014 contained my immediate thoughts specifically on the areas of public order and cyber-crime. At that time, I was of course awaiting the individual force-level report. I am now therefore in a position to comment further.

In respect of the 5Cs (capacity, contribution, capability, consistency and connectivity) as contained in the Strategic Policing Requirement, I am pleased that HMIC were generally positive about the arrangements in place, either within the Force and/or through our collaborative working within the Yorkshire and Humber Region.

In respect of terrorism, serious organised crime, civil emergencies and public order, HMIC have provided evidence that, either as a force or through our regional arrangements, the challenges of the Strategic Policing Requirement are generally being met. However, as I mentioned back in June 2014, the thematic report and this specific force-level report raise some interesting questions around defining cyber incidents, understanding our role and assessing progress in developing our skills to tackle these incidents.

Locally, the force has identified cyber-crime as a force-level risk, which is being progressed through the formal risk management process. There is clearly a need for greater understanding of the risks and threats from cyber-crime both locally and nationally. I would also like to reiterate what I have said before, that personally I would like to see greater preventative measures in place around cyber-crime at a local level.

I continue to welcome the work of HMIC around the Strategic Policing Requirement. I recently met with Michael Cunningham, the new HMI for the Northern region. My intention is to continue the constructive, informed and challenging discussions with our regional HMI.

I hope that this information is of use.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Grove". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'M' and 'G'.

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