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Dear Matthew

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) Report into Domestic Abuse

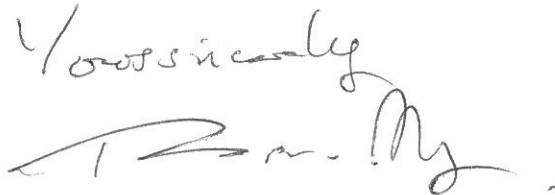
Thank you for your letter of 11 April, enclosing your comments on HMIC's report on domestic abuse. Tackling domestic abuse is a key priority for me as Home Secretary. I commissioned HMIC to review the police response to domestic abuse because I was concerned that the service being provided to victims was not as good as it should be. The HMIC review has found that the police response to domestic abuse is not good enough, and I am leading action to deliver meaningful and lasting change. I am chairing a National Oversight Group to ensure the recommendations from HMIC's report are acted upon.

I am extremely grateful for the messages of support I have received from you and from others. I am encouraged to hear about the work you are doing to improve the service offered to victims of domestic abuse in Humberside, and the immediate action you have taken to act on the recommendations within the HMIC report.

I'm sure you will agree that there is still more to do to ensure the prioritisation of domestic abuse by Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) translates into operational reality. I am confident that this can be achieved with the commitment you and other PCCs have shown.

Work at a local level will be key to delivering a real culture change in individual forces and your support will be critical. As you know, I have asked Chief Constables to have action plans in place by September that set out how local forces will take forward the HMIC recommendations. PCCs have a vital role to play in making sure that this happens, and that police forces respond appropriately to their own individual force reports.

I will ensure that there are opportunities for PCCs to support our work at a national level to drive the changes that are needed.

Yours sincerely


The Rt Hon Theresa May MP