

Rt Hon Theresa May MP

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Dear Theresa,

HMIC Force Report for the Efficiency strand of PEEL

I write with regard to the report published by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary on 16th October 2015 as part of the PEEL, efficiency strand, programme of inspections.

I welcome the report and I am grateful that the hard work within both the MPS and MOPAC has been recognised. Clearly, we are all facing a challenging financial situation and Forces are having to operate in new ways in order to continue to operate effectively. The three key strands of the efficiency report are the bedrock of how a Force addresses this challenge, and I am delighted that so much of the good work being undertaken is reflected in this Report.

MOPAC plays a key role in overseeing the approach of the MPS to this work, both through formal and informal contacts, it is able to work with the MPS in developing plans and to challenge them on occasions, testing and if needed pressing the case for further action. This has been well demonstrated by the careful adoption of some key performance measures where I am confident the reduction in key crimes has been driven by the Mayor's call for a 20% reduction. MOPAC has also played a key role in supporting the MPS develop plans to make the financial savings needed, again through oversight and through my personal leadership in supporting collaboration, for example, between the blue light services where I chair a Task Force Group.

As the Report notes, although the Force has achieved three key "Good" ratings, not including the overall rating, we all recognise that there is no room for complacency and in particular I know the Force is putting in considerable effort to better understand demand, to develop a new operating model and to apply IT in innovative ways that will drive through increased productivity. This work will continue and I have confidence will help the MPS to deliver both improved performance on a reduced budget.

I would like to add that the provision of the national perspective has been a valuable part of the PEEL process and we shall be following up on much of the good practice identified in the Report.

Yours sincerely,



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