

Rt Hon Priti Patel MP

Home Secretary
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Dear Home Secretary,

Inspection of the Metropolitan Police Service's counter-corruption arrangements and other matters related to the Daniel Morgan Independent Panel

I write with regard to the thematic inspection of the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) following the independent panel review of the MPS's handling of the investigation into Daniel Morgan's murder. I know that the Acting Commissioner wrote to you on 28 April updating you on their response, demonstrating the seriousness of this inspection.

The findings of the report are extremely concerning. Londoners expect police officers to adhere to the highest possible standards, and while the vast majority display exemplary professionalism and dedication, we will support the MPS to root out those who abuse their trusted position as officers. We will hold both the Acting Commissioner and the incoming Commissioner to account for driving the changes needed and ensure that the recommendations from this inspection report are part of that change and support the MPS to increase resources dedicated to upholding high standards of professionalism and deliver against the recommendations .

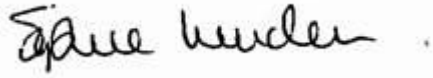
The Police and Crime Plan clearly sets out the importance of improving the high standards of professionalism we expect of the officers and staff that serve the public. There is specific commitment to oversee the implementation of the recommendations from this inspection and other matters following the Daniel Morgan Independent Panel's report.

I have discussed the inspection report and the recommendations with the Acting Commissioner and his senior management team, and the MPS has provided me with a comprehensive action plan, setting out the work required. I am assured that the MPS is fully committed to addressing the recommendations, causes of concern and areas for improvement and have implemented appropriate governance arrangements to track, deliver and evaluate the impact of the changes.

MOPAC has a seat on the MPS Risk and Assurance Board, where the change emanating from this inspection report will be discussed and tracked. I will also be receiving regular progress reports at my bilateral meetings with the Acting Commissioner and AC Professionalism. I will hold a deep dive later in the year to ensure that I am satisfied with the progress the MPS has made. In particular, looking at initial vetting of officers. I strongly believe that previous convictions shouldn't be a sole reason for not entering the MPS as a police officer, however, once appointed, there needs to be a better system of management and ongoing monitoring. I am pleased to see the urgent action that has been taken regarding the security of property and to address the shortcomings within the Business Interests and Declarable Associations policy implementation.

I will continue to hold the MPS senior management team to account through my oversight meetings and ensure that the MPS learn the lessons and make the improvements necessary.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sophie Linden', followed by a period.

Sophie Linden

Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime