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Dear Home Secretary

An inspection of the London regional response to serious and organised crime

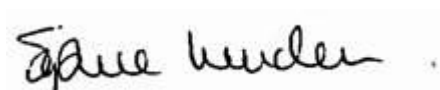
I write with regard to the inspection report published by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) on 19 May 2023 which details London's regional response to serious and organised crime. I note that this is a change in methodology from previously being included within the PEEL process, to now being inspected on a regional and ROCU basis.

The Mayor and I are committed to protecting Londoners from serious crime and wider criminal networks, a known driver of violence affecting young people in our city. As well as supporting the MPS to crack down on the organised criminals preying on young people to deal drugs, MOPAC will continue to invest in programmes to better understand, target and respond to criminal exploitation of young people, building on its successful London Gang Exit and County Lines Rescue and Response programmes

The report reviews London's response to serious and organised crime and highlights areas where HMICFRS would like to see improvements. As the report notes, the approach to tackling organised crime in the London region differs from every other region in England and Wales, and London does not have a ROCU. The report also identifies that attracting and especially retaining specialist staff in London, such as financial investigators and analysts, is a challenge, but one which the MPS is well aware of and I welcome the steps they are taking to address this.

The Mayor and I will continue to hold the Commissioner to account for policing in London, including through the new London Policing Board and its oversight framework. This oversight includes the effectiveness of MPS efforts to tackle serious and organised crime, and importantly the impact that this work has on reducing the harm caused by organised criminals across London's communities.

Yours sincerely,



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