

**Rt Hon Theresa May MP**

Home Secretary  
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Dear Theresa

**Working in Step? A joint inspection of local criminal justice partnerships by HMIC, HMCPSI, and HMI Probation.**

I write with regard to the report published by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in October 2015 as part of the joint inspections of local criminal justice boards.

I welcome the report and am grateful for the work that has been done in its preparations. I am pleased that this has been a joint report that befits this area of work, a narrowly focused inspection of this area would not have given such a complete picture. I am also pleased that the Report's recommendations have given some very clear recommendations that will help drive business improvements.

MOPAC is an active member of the London Criminal Justice Board and has supported the Board becoming much more of a local driver of efficiency and effectively. However, as you will be aware I hold the view that if we are to deliver real improvements in the delivery of criminal justice we need to devolve more responsibility and accountability to the Mayor over the management of courts and prosecutors. This would enable the agencies to better reflect the needs of London and for improved focus on outcomes for the whole of the CJS as opposed to the dangers of focusing on single agency targets. I recognise that the independent functions of these agencies would have to be protected.

Thank you for this report and pleased be assured that I will ensure that it is fully and positively discussed at the London Criminal Justice Board, and translated into action.

Yours sincerely,



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