

Priti Patel
Home Secretary
2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF
section55responses@homeoffice.gov.uk

12 November 2019

MOPAC11112019-D3102

Dear Home Secretary,

Police effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy 2018/19: An inspection of the Metropolitan Police Service

I write with regard to the Integrated PEEL inspection by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) on 27 September 2019 which focused on the effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy of the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS).

I welcome this report and its recognition that the MPS is demonstrating real progress, particularly the strong leadership and the important work that the MPS does to tackle serious and organised crime, which was scored Outstanding by HMICFRS.


I accept that there is much more to be done to address the challenges that still exist, and I continue to actively oversee, scrutinise and work with the Commissioner to ensure these improvements are made.

The inspection report notes a number of recommendations for the MPS. The MPS will progress these through internal oversight boards. The Mayor and I met with MPS senior management to discuss the inspection report and the actions for the police. I am assured that the MPS is progressing all recommendations and areas for improvement according to their priority.

It must be noted that our ability to respond to recommendations and to transform the service provided by the MPS is constrained by the funding available. Recommendations within this inspection report require increased resource to supplement areas that require some improvement, however, with resources under such pressure, the pace and extent to which the MPS can transform is limited. The Mayor has done everything in his power to release further resources to the MPS, raising council tax and diverting business rates for a second year in a row to enable an additional £234m of investment for policing and tackling. However, we must recognise that the Mayor provides only a fraction of the MPS' overall budget. This underfunding of forces is a matter the Inspectorate have noted in their work.

The Mayor is doing his utmost to keep London safe. On behalf of Londoners, I ask that you do your utmost to ensure that the MPS is fully funded and supported to deal with the reality of policing our great capital city.

Yours sincerely,



Sophie Linden
Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime

cc. Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS)
PCC@hmic.gsi.gov.uk