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Dear Joanne

Please see the responses below to your questions following the Police & Crime Committee on 13 November.

- **To provide the Committee with information on boroughs that were receiving data from Accident and Emergency hospital departments on persons presenting as the result of knife attacks or other violent crime injuries and those that were not; and what further work was needed.**

Seven out of the 31 type 1 London Accident & Emergency departments are responding with this information.

The MPS and MOPAC are in agreement about the importance of data-sharing between A & E departments, the police, and others involved in keeping our communities safe. The MPS, MOPAC, NHSE and GLA are working together to progress this important work.

In October 2014 the Mayor wrote to all hospital trusts setting out the need for more effective and comprehensive data sharing.

Trusts are responding to the letter and so far MOPAC has received positive responses from hospital trusts regarding the implementation of the Cardiff Model in London. MOPAC/GLA/MPS officers are currently working with the trusts to formalise information sharing systems to ensure the development of a model for London that will ensure more effective partnership working and increased public safety.



As part of wider health and victims work, we have submitted a joint (MOPAC/GLA/MPS) bid to the Home Office Innovation Fund to further develop our joint work in this area and to support hospital trusts in more effectively sharing information. We have also secured the provision of frontline youth worker services in the four major trauma centres in London to provide support to young victims of violent crime. A key element of that programme is to improve the reporting and sharing of data on violent crime and sexual exploitation.

Neither the MPS, MOPAC nor the GLA have a direct responsibility for making hospitals share data, and a recent audit conducted by Department of Health had a low response rate (for London particularly).

- **To make enquires to Channel 4 about a recent allegation concerning a document which alleged that police officers in a borough were required to make a certain number of arrests per month and write to me about the outcome.**

We asked Channel 4 to provide us with the documentation so we could try and find where it was from in order to look further into the specific claims being made. They refused to hand it over as they did not want to jeopardise their source. We also asked for them to tell us which borough it came from. Again the response was a no.

Without Channel 4 providing detailed evidence of these claims, it is very difficult for the MPS to look into the matter. Nevertheless, the MPS has always made it absolutely clear that it does not centrally set officers individual targets, and that local managers should not be setting officers individual targets. Since her appointment in June 2014 AC King has reinforced this message to all 32 boroughs under her command.

- **To write to me about the retention of data on the MPS's National Domestic Extremist database and to provide the information on the Management of Police Information (MOPI) criteria that allowed the MPS to retain data on its databases. You also stated that you would inform the Committee, subject to the information being in the public domain, whether the Security Services had any input into the database.**

The retention of data on the MPS's National Special Branch Intelligence System (NSBIS) - referred to, by you as the 'National Domestic Extremist database' - is subject to Management of Police Information (MOPI) criteria. I attach the link to the MOPI website which will assist you with further detail should you require it.

<http://www.acpo.police.uk/documents/information/2010/201004INFMOP101.pdf>

However, a clearer directive may be forthcoming early in 2015 from the Supreme Court, when the ruling on R (on the application of Catt) v The Commissioner of the Metropolis is expected. This case, which sat in December 2014, seeks to challenge the retention of certain information on a police database which may or may not be in



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contravention to Article 8 ECHR. Evidence was provided to this hearing that both the National Public Order Intelligence Unit (NPIOU) and their database the National Special Branch Intelligence System (NSBIS) have been in the public domain since 2003. It is also important to note that there is no 'National Domestic Extremist' database and never has been. I have included the attached link for clarity.

<http://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmic/media/a-need-to-know-20030101.pdf>

In relation to whether the Security Services had any input into the database, the MPS is unable to discuss that or individual cases. In summary, the matters being discussed here are currently subject to rigorous scrutiny as part of the Supreme Court process and should become clearer once that case has been finalised.

- **To write to me concerning allegations that in or around 2004 MPS officers had met with persons in the private sector to exchange information about individuals' political beliefs or activities in relation to blacklisting.**

We have made enquiries regarding the allegations that in or around 2004 MPS officers met with persons in the private sector to exchange information about individuals' political beliefs or activities in relation to blacklisting.

We have found no evidence that such practice took place. The matter has also been discussed with Operation Herne's Senior Investigating Officer who confirms he has no evidence that contradicts this view, however enquiries are continuing.

- **To write to Jenny Jones AM to inform her whether her file has now been deleted from the National Domestic Extremist database.**

We have written separately to Jenny Jones AM on this issue.

Yours sincerely

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