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Dear Amber

**PEEL: Police Effectiveness 2018**

I write with regard to the report published by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services in March 2018 as part of the PEEL programme of inspections.

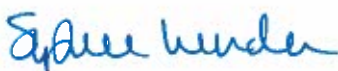
I welcome this report and its reflection on many positive achievements over the year, particularly the assessment of 'Good' for preventing crime and tackling ASB, and the forces' ability to tackle serious and organised crime. However, I accept that there is much more to be done to address the overall assessment of 'Requires Improvement' for this inspection and will be working with the Commissioner to ensure these improvements are made.

The Mayor and I were clear in the Police and Crime Plan for London that we must improve the vital parts of police that protect the most vulnerable. We are investing more in monetary value, time and resource to protect some of our most vulnerable Londoners. I was deeply troubled by HMICFRS's report on child protection in 2016 and have been very clear that changes must be delivered and that we will continue to hold senior leaders to account until they can evidence genuine improvements.

I concur with the inspectors about the pressure being put on the police service following years of government cuts and the rise in recorded crime. The Mayor has refused to stand back and put Londoners at risk. He has made the unprecedented step to use business rates as well as council tax to provide an additional £110m to the Met police in the next year. On behalf of Londoners, I ask that you do your utmost to ensure that the hard-working officers of the MPS are fully funded and supported to deal with the reality of policing our great capital city.

I thank you for this report and the useful findings it has provided.

Yours sincerely



Sophie Linden  
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