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Dear Theresa

RE: HMIC Domestic Abuse Inspection Findings

I welcome this report, and appreciate the opportunity to comment on both the Suffolk Constabulary inspection report and the national report.

The national thematic report concluded that *"Overall police response to victims of domestic abuse is not good enough"* and made a number of national recommendations that all forces need to be take forward. I was pleased that within this report Suffolk Constabulary was one of forces highlighted as providing a better service to victims of domestic abuse.

In relation to the Suffolk Constabulary Report, HMIC stated that *"The public of Suffolk can generally have confidence that the Police provide a good service to victims of domestic abuse and in doing so help keep them safe."* Further, HMIC has recognised in its report on Suffolk Constabulary that *"tackling domestic abuse is a priority for the force and staff demonstrates a high level of commitment and awareness."* It should be noted that tackling domestic abuse is a priority in my Police and Crime Plan.

HMIC made 9 recommendations for improvement. The Constabulary has updated me on its proposals for taking forward the recommendations. I am committed to improving the IDVA capacity in the county and am taking active steps to do so. The Constabulary will report progress on the action plan arising from the inspection to my Accountability and Performance Panel in October.

Yours sincerely

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