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Dear Theresa

**RE: HMIC Inspection Crime Data Integrity**

I welcome this report and appreciate the opportunity to comment upon it.

The national thematic interim report reached some uncomfortable conclusions about data integrity in the police service nationally. In relation to the Suffolk Constabulary Report, I am pleased that the HMIC recognised that Suffolk Constabulary has a strong focus on victims. However HMIC made a number of recommendations, some of which needed immediate action, some which should be addressed within 3 months and some which were required to be addressed within six months. I take these findings very seriously.

Accordingly the Constabulary has updated me on its proposals for taking forward the recommendations. I am reassured that the Constabulary has already taken active steps in relation to those recommendations requiring immediate action. The Constabulary will report progress on its activity arising from the inspection to my Accountability and Performance Panel on 24 October. The Panel is held bi-monthly in public and it is one of the mechanisms I use to hold the Chief Constable to account. This item will remain on the agenda until I am completely satisfied that the HMIC recommendations have been implemented effectively. Progress will be published on my website.

Yours sincerely

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