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Dear Home Secretary

### **HMICFRS Inspection: PEEL Effectiveness 2017**

In line with my statutory responsibilities I am writing in formal response to the HMICFRS PEEL Effectiveness 2017 inspection report, published on 22 March 2018. Please accept my apologies for the delay in formally responding. However, this has afforded me the opportunity to provide a more considered response now that Dorset Police have had time to fully consider the report recommendations and associated action required.

Naturally I was very pleased with the overall findings of the report and recognition that Dorset Police is GOOD at keeping people safe and protecting them from harm, as well as continuing to make progress in its effectiveness. The inspection findings underline the excellent work that I see on a daily basis between the Force and its partners in prioritising the protection of vulnerable people, identifying and assessing vulnerability and risk, safeguarding victims and supporting those with mental health issues – all areas that I am particularly passionate about.

With regard to areas for improvement identified by HMICFRS I am confident that responses are already in place to address this. Resourcing against current demand remains a challenge but the inspectorate recognise that the ongoing Operational Business Design (OBD) programme will provide a medium-to-long term response to issues such as non-emergency incident response where vulnerability may be a factor.

Body Worn Video (BWV) has not been rolled out as quickly as I would have liked but this is an important development to get right, particularly with regard to the infrastructure required to support the effective deployment of cameras, and I am reassured that this is now progressing rapidly across our alliance with Devon & Cornwall Police.

Excellent progress has already been made with the Force's approach to mental health and this has been strengthened further with the recent appointment of a Mental Health Strategic Co-ordinator. This role will ensure that local strategies are consistent with national guidance, such as the College of Policing APP, and that internal training is clearer and more consistent in future.

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I can confirm that I have consulted with the Chief Constable in formulating this response and trust that this provides you with the necessary reassurance around action being taken locally by Dorset Police in response to the relevant HMIC report recommendations.

Yours sincerely



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