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Dear Home Secretary

**Response to the HMICFRS PEEL Police effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy 2018/19 – inspection report on Dorset Police**

In line with my statutory responsibilities as Police and Crime Commissioner and following consultation with the Chief Constable, I am pleased to provide the following response to the HMICFRS and the Secretary of State for the Home Office in respect of the above: 'PEEL Police effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy 2018/19 – inspection report on Dorset Police', published on Friday 27 September 2019.

The Chief Constable and I welcome the report into Dorset Police's legitimacy and leadership performance in 2018 which concludes that the Force's approach to keeping people safe and reducing crime is 'good' and that the wellbeing of our workforce is a priority for Dorset Police.

The Chief Constable and I are particularly pleased that Dorset Police has been praised for its work in protecting vulnerable people; this remains a priority for Dorset Police and the Force has a good understanding of the nature and scale of vulnerability throughout the county.

As PCC, I am delighted to see that my investments in looking after the physical and mental wellbeing of officers and staff have been acknowledged.

It was also pleasing to learn that Dorset Police was found to be good in terms of its legitimacy - that the Force is good at treating the public fairly and officers make fair and ethical decisions.

As PCC I will be working closely with the Chief Constable to make sure the workforce continues to benefit from the investment in the physical and mental wellbeing of officers and staff and that the Force continues to provide the best service possible to our communities.

This response will be published on the OPCC website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martyn Underhill', written in a cursive style.

Martyn Underhill  
Police and Crime Commissioner