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Dear Home Secretary

### **Response to HMICFRS - Dorset Police - Crime Data Integrity inspection 2020**

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 report – “Dorset Police - Crime Data Integrity inspection 2020”, which was published on 24 July 2020.

The Chief Constable and I are pleased to welcome the report and the improvement in crime recording standards by Dorset Police. As HMICFRS noted in their report changes to our systems and processes and improvement in training have contributed to this.

The Chief Constable is delighted with the findings and particularly pleased that our commitment to believing and supporting victims has been highlighted.

As PCC I believe that victims should be reassured that their needs are being put at the heart of how the force records crime, and that they are being believed and supported.

We feel the outcome of the report reflects the excellent work on the part of the Force in progressing a number of actions which have resulted in the achievement of a high level of compliance.

We note the recommended areas for immediate improvement listed in the report regarding: decision making to ensure correct crime cancellation and transfer decisions; training in Home Office Counting Rules for those making crime recording decisions and the need to improve how the Force collects and analyses equality data. We can confirm that Dorset Police already has work underway to make progress in all three of these areas.

This response will be published on the OPCC website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martyn Underhill', with a stylized, cursive script.

Martyn Underhill  
Police and Crime Commissioner