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Dear Home Secretary

**Response to HMICFRS - Roads Policing: Not optional - An inspection of roads policing in England and Wales**

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 – “Roads Policing: Not optional - An inspection of roads policing in England and Wales”, which was published on 15 July 2020.

The Chief Constable and I welcome the report and agree with the recommendations and areas of improvement therein to improve the effectiveness of roads policing in England and Wales.

We note that a number of the recommendations relate to the Department for Transport, the Home Office and College of Policing. We also note the six recommendations a number of which relate to capability, resourcing and information sharing, which are for Chief Constables to implement with immediate effect.

As one of seven Forces inspected as part of this report, we note the recommendations aimed at giving clarity and guidance to the police and other bodies about their collective responsibilities and improving forces’ understanding of the risks faced by road users in their areas. We also note the recommendations for effective working with our road safety partners and compliance with national guidance on the use of speed and red-light cameras, as well as the provision of greater support and training to officers who investigate road deaths.

In particular we note the recommendation for chief constables to make sure their force has enough analytical capability (including that provided by road safety partnerships) to identify risks and threats on the road network within their force area.

We are pleased that many of the positive points from the report reflect the excellent work that our Roads Policing teams undertake as part of the Strategic Alliance between Dorset Police and Devon & Cornwall Police.

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Roads policing features in our assessments and strategic performance reporting, with appropriate analytical capability to support the ongoing mission of reducing those killed and seriously injured on the roads.

We will take forward the recommendations, including where appropriate with our overarching Strategic Dorset Road Safety Partnership.

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 flourish at the end.

Martyn Underhill  
Police and Crime Commissioner