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Dear



HMIC Crime Inspection Report

I am pleased to present my comments in response to the above report within the meaning of s55 (5) of the Police Act 1996. This letter will be copied to the Home Secretary and published on my website.

I welcome the report and the findings it presents. Achieving a reduction in crime has always been a top priority of mine. I am pleased HMIC has recognised that while crime has fallen across England and Wales, it has fallen at a faster rate within Lincolnshire. This continues to make the County one of the safest places to live.

I am also pleased that HMIC has rightly identified the strong links between Lincolnshire Police and the communities they serve. This enables the Force, together with partner agencies, to effectively deal with problems such as anti-social behaviour.

There are however areas which require improvement. I have been concerned for some time about both the allocation of crimes for investigation, and the effectiveness of the Integrated Offender Management Programme in the County.

The Chief Constable has worked with our strategic partner to address issues within the Crime Management Bureau and since HMIC visited us, a backlog of work has now been cleared. I will continue to monitor this situation to ensure improved performance and both myself and the Chief Constable are firmly committed to placing victims at the heart of our criminal justice system.

While this report demonstrates the many positive areas of work within Lincolnshire, there is always scope for improvement. Through my role of holding the Chief Constable to account, I will continue to drive up standards for the future.

Yours sincerely



Alan Hardwick
Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire

cc: The Rt Hon Theresa May MP – Home Secretary