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Dear 

Crime-recording: Making the Victim Count (November 2014)
Crime Data Integrity: Inspection of Lincolnshire Police (November 2014)

I am pleased to present my comments in response to the above reports 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 Inspectorate's final report of the inspection of crime data integrity in police forces in England and Wales and the recommendations it presents.

I would like to commend you for producing a very thorough national report with 13 pertinent recommendations for the Home Office, College of Policing and Forces. I was pleased to note that Lincolnshire Police was highlighted as one of the five successful forces that "stand out from the rest". As the report states, no one force has all the answers, but I was pleased to read your confirmation that Lincolnshire is addressing the issues convincingly.


Moving on to the Force specific report for Lincolnshire regarding Crime Data Integrity; again, I am pleased to receive the report and welcome your comments and recommendations.

In terms of the accuracy of crime recording, I was pleased to read the results of your testing. You say that the "force is good at recording crime which means that victims of crime are more likely to receive the service they deserve". This is of course essential so that the people of Lincolnshire can trust Lincolnshire Police and the service it provides.

I receive reports on Crime and Incident Recording from the Force Crime Registrar which also includes commentary by the Deputy Chief Constable. The September 2014 report highlighted the areas for improvement after your visit and the actions that were being taken.

I continue to receive briefings and have conversations with the Chief Constable and his team about the management of Lincolnshire Police's crime recording processes. By holding the Chief Constable to account and monitoring the Force's progress, I will ensure the people of Lincolnshire have confidence in the service they receive.

Yours sincerely

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

Alan Hardwick
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cc: The Rt Hon Theresa May MP – Home Secretary