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As you know, HMICFRS published its 2018/19 Integrated PEEL Assessment for Lincolnshire Police on 7 February.

While I am pleased to see that HMI Billingham considers that Lincolnshire Police is continuing to perform well across two of the three PEEL pillars, I am disappointed to see that the force has yet to deliver the improvement that is needed in its understanding of both current and future demand. This is vital for public confidence and assurance that the force can continue to be effective. HMICFRS has also identified a significant number of other areas where performance can be improved to assure the public of the quality of service being delivered.

HMICFRS inspections are a vital part of the policing landscape. They allow the public to understand the level of service being provided locally, shine a light on how each force is performing across a wide spectrum of areas and provide information to help forces address weaknesses and improve. Although recent developments with Covid-19 have led to unprecedented and demanding circumstances for us all, I trust that you will, nevertheless, be in position to respond shortly with your comments, including how you plan to sustain, and where necessary, improve the current level of performance.

As you know, section 55 of the Police Act 1996 (as amended by section 37 of the Policing and Crime Act 2017) requires you to publish your response, including plans to address any recommendations, within 56 days – in this case by 3 April. HMICFRS has recently launched a new digital tool to capture these responses:

<https://monitoringportal.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk>. Alternatively, you may wish to send your response to the shared HMICFRS - Home Office inbox [section55responses@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:section55responses@homeoffice.gov.uk). All responses to these reports will be considered by both HMICFRS and Home Office officials.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kit Malthouse', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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