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Dear *Home Secretary*

HMIC REPORT: REVISITING POLICE RELATIONSHIPS

I write in accordance with the requirement in the Police Act 1996 for Police and Crime Commissioners to respond to the Home Secretary regarding reports published by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary.

I believe that the police must uphold the highest standards of integrity in order to maintain the trust and confidence of the public, and so I welcome the publication of the HMIC report entitled 'Revisiting Police Relationships'.

I have discussed the findings for Cheshire with Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary for the Northern Area and was pleased to receive reassurance that there was no evidence of any shortfalls in the levels of integrity within Cheshire Constabulary and that robust systems are in place to promote the highest of professional standards of all its officers and staff.

I am satisfied that there has been progress in Cheshire since HMIC's first review of integrity was undertaken in 2011. However, I am keen to ensure that the Constabulary continues to take the management of integrity issues seriously. To demonstrate my own commitment to this work, I will regularly be scrutinising complaints and integrity issues. I have also asked my Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, Margaret Ollerenshaw, to exercise oversight of these matters as part of her key responsibilities.

Yours sincerely

John Dwyer
Police & Crime Commissioner