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Dear Home Secretary and HMIC

Response from David Munro, Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey to the HMIC report 'National Child Protection Inspection: Re-inspection'

The HMIC report re-inspecting Child Protection in Surrey Police was particularly important for the Force. An inspection in June 2015 by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) highlighted serious failings in the Force's response to child protection issues. As a result, the Force instigated an immediate action plan and the re-inspection by the HMIC carried out in August last year was an important step in assessing the progress made.

I am pleased to hear that inspectors found definite improvements had been made across the Force which has demonstrated a strong commitment to improving the services it provides to protect vulnerable children. However, we need to ensure that this improvement is built up and more is done to provide consistently improved outcomes for those young people at risk.

A solid action plan is being implemented and better leadership, resourcing and training has ensured that those key areas where failings were highlighted by the HMIC are being addressed. But there is no room for complacency and more work is required to embed child protection into all areas of the force.

I made a commitment in my Police and Crime Plan to ensure that victims of child abuse receive proper support and care. I will do whatever I can to support the Force in achieving this whilst at the same time providing the level of scrutiny required to make sure we stay on the right track. I will be looking specifically at the recommendations made by HMIC and scrutinising their implementation.

Yours sincerely,

David Munro
Police and Crime Commissioner
