

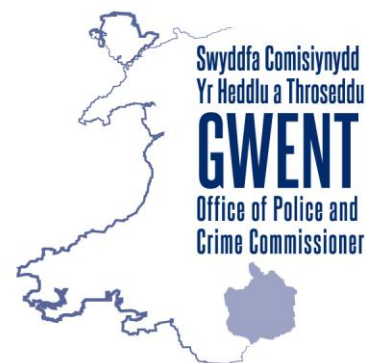
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Dear Home Secretary

HMIC Crime Data Integrity Inspection Report

As required by statute, I am writing to you with my comments on the HMIC report for Gwent on Crime Data Integrity. I acknowledge the report and have reflected on the content along with my team and the force's Chief Officer team.

I am pleased to note the acknowledgement of the strong leadership shown by Chief Officers on ethical crime recording and the culture among officers and staff to secure crime data accuracy.

I am reassured by this report and I am pleased that it supports my belief that the quality of service the public receives is more important than numerical targets. This was the reason behind my instigation of an internal review into crime recording in 2013 which has raised awareness about how performance in crime recording can be improved.

I note the areas for improvement and can assure you that action is already underway to address them with monitoring being undertaken at my Strategic and Performance Board, the forum at which I hold the Chief Constable to account.

Yours sincerely

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