

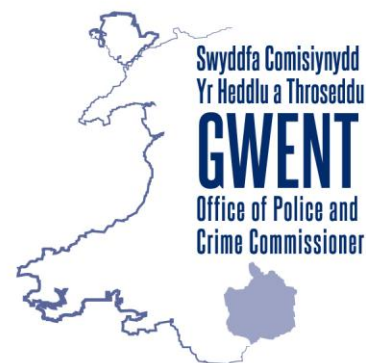
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28th August, 2014

Dear Home Secretary

HMIC Responding to Austerity Inspection Report

As required by statute, I am writing to you with my comments on the HMIC report for Gwent on Responding to Austerity. I acknowledge the report and have reflected on the content along with my team and the force's Chief Officer team. Since the inspection, the Chief Constable and I have reviewed our corporate approach to delivering future savings and this is now being taken forward on a whole force basis by the recently appointed Deputy Chief Constable.

In formalising future plans, Value for Money Profiles and CIPFA data have been used to identify areas where Gwent Police are an outlier. A demand analysis has now been undertaken in line with best practice and this will inform plans which will ensure I maintain a balanced budget and that priorities set out in my Police and Crime Plan are met.

Future plans which are currently being developed are based on a number of principles which I have agreed with the Chief Constable. These will result in a greater focus on non-pay and collaborative savings and enhanced commissioning. I have agreed a timetable to review detailed plans with the Chief Constable and am confident that the areas for improvement detailed in the report are being addressed.

Yours sincerely

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