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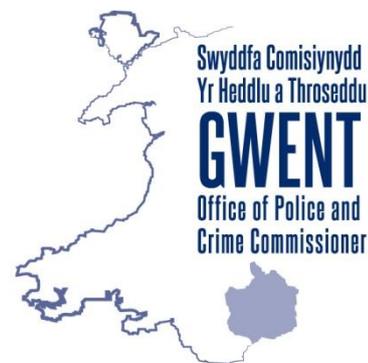
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The Rt Hon Amber Rudd MP
Home Secretary
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15th November 2016

Dear Home Secretary,

HMIC Inspection - PEEL: Police Efficiency 2016

As required by statute, I am writing to you with my comments on the HMIC report on PEEL: Police Efficiency 2016.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome this report which reflects the progress made by Gwent Police in addressing 'How efficient is the force at keeping people safe and reducing crime?' by looking at the following key areas:

- How well do police forces understand their current and likely future demand?
- How well do police forces use their resources to manage current demand?
- How well are police forces planning for demand in the future?

I am pleased to see that HMIC has given Gwent Police an overall rating of 'Good' with a number of examples of outstanding work being recognised within the report. The report highlights that Gwent Police has an 'outstanding' comprehensive investment strategy that details viable plans for investment in information and communications technology, including digitisation, to improve the efficiency of its service. The report also highlights that Gwent Police has a good understanding of its demand in all areas and that Gwent is in a good position to deal with the changing demand as the requirements of policing continue to change.

In the report HMIC has concluded that Gwent Police is a good force which has not identified any causes for concern and therefore has made no specific recommendations. This is a very positive feedback and I feel that this recognises the hard work undertaken by Gwent Police to be in a position where it can make significant savings whilst also ensuring that services continue to be invested in. It is also very pleasing to see that Gwent Police have been praised for their collaboration and partnership work as this will form a key part of my Police and Crime Plan.

I am confident that Gwent Police is in a good position in the areas covered by this report. The Chief Constable and I are fully committed to improving efficiency; we will

continue to work together to collaborate with partners and other organisations in order to improve efficiencies, prevent crime and proactively seek out previously hidden crimes such as domestic abuse, internet crime and modern slavery. However, with police forces being confronted with shrinking budgets and an ever evolving crime environment, we have to continue to decide where to prioritise our resources. In that respect I sincerely hope that cuts to the policing service are not continued as we need to ensure that the service the public receives from Gwent Police is in no way reduced whilst we continue to seek ways to be more efficient.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Cuthbert', written in a cursive style.

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