

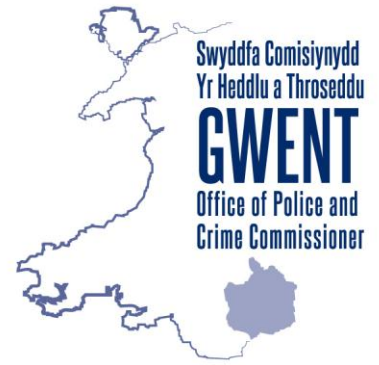
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The Rt Hon Theresa May MP
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15th December, 2014

Dear Home Secretary

HMIC Inspection: Strategic Policing Requirement

As required by statute, I am writing to you with my comments on the HMIC report on the Strategic Policing Requirement.

I monitor any recommendations via my Strategy and Performance Board, the forum where I hold the Chief Constable to account. I have received a full briefing from the Chief Constable on both national and Gwent specific threats and risks in order to comply with my responsibility to give due regard to the Strategic Policing Requirement and ensure that Gwent Police is in a state of readiness to deal with any national threats.

We will also continue to drive and monitor improvements via the Strategic Policing Requirement Governance Board, which is chaired by the Assistant Chief Constable and includes my Deputy Commissioner, Paul Harris, in its membership.

Addressing Cybercrime is one of the top priorities in Gwent's Strategic Assessment. As identified within the report, training needs of police officers and staff in this area are being identified and addressed.

As demonstrated by the recent NATO conference in Gwent, the arrangements we have in this country for mutual aid deployment shows the rest of the World that police forces can work together with extremely successful outcomes. I welcome the continued development of collaborative working within the policing service.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Johnston', with a horizontal line underneath.

Ian Johnston QPM
Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent

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