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The Right Honourable Yvette Cooper  
Home Secretary  
Home Office  
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19<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Home Secretary,

**An inspection of the police response to the public disorder in July and August 2024: Tranche 1**

As required by statute, I am writing to you to respond to the inspection report from His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) entitled, 'An inspection of the police response to the public disorder in July and August 2024: Tranche 1'.

I welcome and support the findings in the report as an opportunity to strengthen policing's capabilities and resilience and keep our officers safe when responding to incidents of violent disorder. This is reflected by the Chief Constable in his comments:

*I welcome this inspection report from His Majesty's Inspectorate of Fire and Rescue Services which examines the policing response to the unrest and disorder in July and August 2024. The report highlights the bravery of officers deployed to protect the public and also draws attention to the challenges faced by the police service to respond to widespread violent disorder. The force will work with the National Police Chiefs' Council, College of Policing and Home Office to implement the recommendations made in the report.*

Both the Chief Constable and I are committed to ensuring we work together on building social cohesion in the community. For example, the Chief Constable conducted reassurance visits to Mosques during the disorder period, and my office was represented at the local Community Tensions Group which met regularly during the period of disorder as although there were no incidents in Gwent, there was a very much heightened level of tension and concern about potential hate crime. The feedback provided has been shared with partners to help inform future responses to such issues.

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg, a phan ddaw i law, byddwn yn ateb yn y Gymraeg – ni fydd hyn yn gohirio ein hymateb. Os hoffech dderbyn gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg o hyn ymlaen, neu os ydych wedi cael eich gwahoddi gyfweliad neu gyfarfod ac yr hoffech ddefnyddio'r Gymraeg, anfonwch e-bost at: [Commissioner@gwent.police.uk](mailto:Commissioner@gwent.police.uk). Darperir gwasanaethau cyfieithu.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh and where received, we will reply in Welsh - this will not delay our response. If you wish to receive correspondence in Welsh hereafter or if you have been invited to an interview or meeting and you wish to use Welsh, send email to: [Commissioner@gwent.police.uk](mailto:Commissioner@gwent.police.uk). Translation services will be provided.

Within my new Police, Crime and Justice Plan for 2025-29, I will have regard to the national threats and the policing capabilities required to address these, as set out in the Strategic Policing Requirement (SPR) and I will continue to hold the Chief Constable to account for Gwent Police's ability to respond to the SPR.

Both the Chief Constable and I will continue to work with our counterparts, other police forces, and regional and national partners to ensure Gwent Police are well positioned to tackle these threats.

I will hold the Chief Constable to account for the implementation of any specific local requirements arising from the recommendations.

Yours sincerely,

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

Jane Mudd  
Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent