

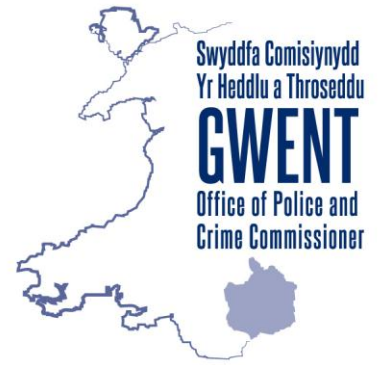
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**Ian Johnston QPM**

The Rt Hon Theresa May MP  
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15<sup>th</sup> October, 2014

Dear Home Secretary

**HMIC Inspection: Core Business: an inspection into crime prevention, police attendance and the use of police time**

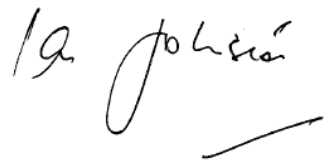
As required by statute, I am writing to you with my comments on the HMIC report on Core Business: an inspection into crime prevention, police attendance and the use of police time.

I am pleased to see that the HMIC have identified some good examples of the way in which Gwent Police does business. I also note the 40 recommendations within the national report in addition to the Gwent specific findings which formed part of the HMIC interim assessment into police efficiency, effectiveness and legitimacy. I am aware that the Chief Constable and his team are already looking into ways to address these recommendations and I will monitor progress via my Strategy and Performance Board.

Prevention of crime is one of the key priorities within my police and crime plan and we work with partners in order to deliver a joined up approach to the prevention and reduction of crime. My team and I are currently working closely with the Chief Officer team to ensure that this work is delivered successfully to the public of Gwent.

Under the heading of freeing up time, I have oversight of the Gwent Police 'Staying Ahead 8' Change Management Programme which has carried out a demand analysis to inform the basis on which the force is structured. The focus of this project is delivering significant financial savings at the same time as improving performance and offering a better service to the people of Gwent.

Yours sincerely

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

Ian Johnston QPM  
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