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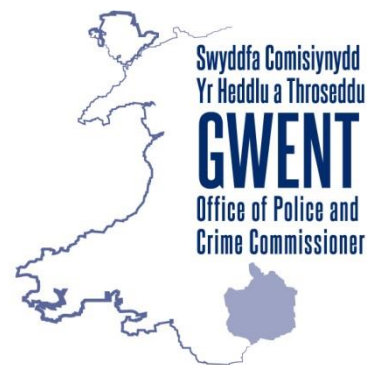
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The Rt Hon Amber Rudd MP
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Dear Home Secretary,

HMIC Inspection - PEEL: Police Effectiveness 2016

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

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome this report which reflects the progress made by Gwent Police in addressing the following key areas:

- How effective is the force at preventing crime, tackling anti-social behaviour and keeping people safe?
- How effective is the force at investigating crime and reducing re-offending?
- How effective is the force at protecting those who are vulnerable from harm, and supporting victims?
- How effective is the force at tackling serious and organised crime?
- How effective are the forces' specialist capabilities?

I am pleased to see that HMIC has once again praised the efforts of Gwent Police, stating that their overall effectiveness at keeping people safe and reducing crime is good. The report outlines that the way the force is organised helps it to effectively engage with local communities and both identify and tackle neighbourhood problems. It also identifies that the force works well with partner organisations to develop solutions to protect communities, prevent or reduce anti-social behaviour and keep people safe.

I am pleased to note the report highlights that:

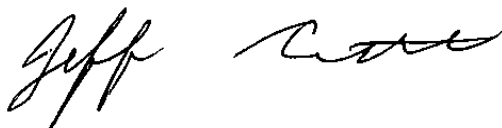
- Domestic abuse is still a clear priority for the force;
- The force places the victim at the centre of all crime investigations, and victim satisfaction is high;
- The force has an effective integrated offender management programme working with partner organisations, which it now aims to extend to include serious violence and domestic abuse offenders;

- The Force makes good use of new technology to prevent and reduce crime;
- Its response to missing children is good and processes are in place to tackle child sexual exploitation; and
- Gwent Police has a good understanding of the current firearms and terrorist threats facing the Southern Wales region.

Preventing crime, tackling anti-social behavior and protecting the most vulnerable people in our communities are amongst the key priorities in my police and crime plan. I am therefore very pleased to see the force being praised for its efforts regarding these issues, as the Chief Constable, officers and staff working for Gwent Police have remained determined and focused on continually improving services in these areas, I am reassured to see that their hard work has been duly recognised and highly commend them for their efforts.

The report does however note that there is room for improvement in respect of how effective the force is at tackling serious and organised crime. I know that Gwent Police is pro-actively working to address the areas highlighted, **Aa** recent example of their efforts in this field would be a successful operation to seriously disrupt the supply and distribution of Class A drugs in Gwent. Gwent Police is also working regularly with partners at both a national and local level to ensure that there is capacity to tackle serious and organised crime. Whilst the Chief Constable and I realise that there is still room for further improvement, I am confident that we are fully committed to making this happen.

Yours sincerely



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