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Dear Home Secretary

**HMIC Inspection – ‘Dorset Police: Police Integrity and Corruption Inspection 2014’**

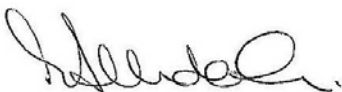
Further to the publication of the HMIC report into Police Integrity and Corruption for Dorset Police in November 2014.

I am pleased that the inspection found that progress has been made since the HMIC revisit inspection in 2012 and that ethical and professional behaviour continues to be publicised and embedded locally.

The specific recommendations contained within the report are noted and I am satisfied that significant progress is already being made towards them. For example, a Category Manager for the South West Police Procurement Department (SWPPD) now checks the Gifts and Hospitality Register monthly against schedules of current and potential contracts. Any potential conflict is flagged up to Head of Finance and, where clear conflict is found, the matter is referred to the Professional Standards Department (PSD) for the appropriate action to be taken.

Oversight of all HMIC inspections of the Force is carried out at our Strategic Performance Board which I jointly chair with the Chief Constable. Specific ownership of recommendations and actions are also allocated to senior officers as appropriate and monitored through the relevant strategic board. Through these robust governance arrangements I am satisfied that the relevant improvements will be made and implemented accordingly.

Yours sincerely



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