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Dear Home Secretary

National HMICFRS Report – Fraud: Time To Choose

I welcome the findings of this report which identifies the need for an improved national and regional response to tackling fraud in order to ensure victims are receiving the level of service they deserve.

Although South Yorkshire was not directly inspected the report contains two specific recommendations for all Chief Constables along with a number of areas for improvements.

Recommendation 2 – together with NPCC: By 31 March 2020, the National Police Chiefs' Council Coordinator for Economic Crime and chief constables should ensure that forces have processes in place to accurately and efficiently report fraud outcomes to the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau.

Recommendation 9: By 30 September 2019, chief constables should publish their force's policy for responding to and investigating allegations of fraud (in relation to both calls for service and National Fraud Intelligence Bureau disseminations for enforcement).

The Force has already built these recommendations and the areas for improvement into its wider programme of improvement under the Assistant Chief Constable for crime, with an expectation that they will begin to see delivery at the end of September 2019.

I will continue to monitor the Force's progress against the recommendations and areas for improvement to ensure victims of fraud are provided with the service they deserve.

All good wishes

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