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To: The Home Secretary
His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services

Dear Home Secretary and HMICFRS

Response from Dr Alan Billings, Police and Crime Commissioner for South Yorkshire to the HMICFRS Report: Police Performance - Getting a Grip – PEEL Spotlight Report

This report brings together the findings from HMICFRS' police effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy (PEEL) 2021/22 inspection programme and will make for some unsettling reading in some force areas.

However, South Yorkshire Police's PEEL inspection resulted in an unquestionably positive assessment, with three areas being judged as outstanding. As a result of this, I am pleased to see that South Yorkshire Police have been commended in the report for eight areas of promising or innovative practice.

The breadth that the highlighted good practice covers is positive too, including areas such as accurate crime recording, preventing and deterring crime, investigating crime, supporting the workforce and strategic performance management.

Trust and confidence in policing is paramount and I am satisfied that the public in South Yorkshire can expect a robust service from this county's force, which is echoed in this report.

I note that there are three recommendations for all Chief Constables in England and Wales, some of these touch on the areas of good practice identified in South Yorkshire, however neither South Yorkshire Police nor myself are complacent and we will take on board those recommendations with a view to improving further. As PCC I have clear oversight of the implementation of these recommendations and updates from lead police officers to whom each of the recommendations have been allocated for progression.

All good wishes,



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