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Dear *Zoe*

Police Effectiveness 2016: Inspection of Lincolnshire Police (Report Published 2 March 2017)

I should like to make the following comments in response to the above report within the meaning of s55 (5) of the Police Act 1996. This letter will be copied to the Home Secretary and published on my website.

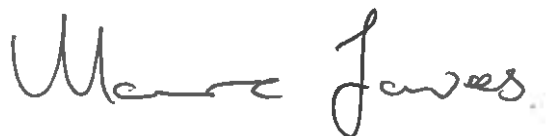
I am pleased with the overall "Good" grade achieved by the force for how effective it is at keeping people safe and reducing crime. This demonstrates an improvement on the grade achieved last year. Within this overall judgement I am also pleased with the additional "Good" grades awarded to how effective the force is at preventing crime, tackling anti-social behaviour and serious and organised crime. I am particularly pleased with the "Good" grading achieved for the way in which the force investigates crime and reduces re-offending which has previously been identified as requiring improvement.

However, the report does identify a "cause of concern" and makes recommendations relating to how effective the force is at protecting those who are vulnerable from harm and supporting victims. I have therefore asked the force to provide me with a remedial action plan detailing how they intend to address each of the recommendations made and the specific "areas for improvement" highlighted in the report. I will regularly monitor progress against this plan. This remedial work will align with work I have already undertaken in this area through the commissioning of a new Victims Strategy. This work is nearing completion with its implementation imminent.

Additionally and in more general terms, I am encouraging the force to complete its development of an "HMIC tracker" which will record progress made in these areas and all outstanding HMIC inspection "recommendations" and "areas for improvement" contained in inspection reports.

In closing, I should like to confirm my commitment to working with the Chief Constable to ensure the improvements identified in this report are achieved.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marc Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and a long, sweeping underline.

Marc Jones
The Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire

cc: The Rt Hon Amber Rudd MP – Home Secretary