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Dear Ms Billingham

**PEEL Effectiveness 2017 Inspection Report – Lincolnshire Police**

I am pleased to present my 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 read with interest the Report and the findings it presents and I was particularly encouraged that HMICFRS has judged Lincolnshire Police to have maintained its “Good” grading from the previous year for its effectiveness at “*keeping people safe and reducing crime*”, which incorporates tackling anti-social behaviour, investigating crime and reducing re-offending, and dealing with serious and organised crime. This reflects the hard work being done by the Force in preventing and tackling crime.

I note however that the Report states “*Lincolnshire Police's effectiveness at supporting victims and protecting those who are vulnerable from harm requires improvement*”. The Force is aware of the issues the Report raised, and I am also concerned that more needs to be done to protect and care for the vulnerable and victims. I will therefore be working with Force colleagues to establish how improvements can be realised in these areas. I firmly believe that how we care for our most vulnerable is a crucial measure of how well we keep our communities safe.

Progress against each of the ‘areas for improvement’ identified in the Report will be monitored through our robust governance framework and more specifically through the use of our ‘HMICFRS Tracker’, a tool created to monitor progress against all HMICFRS inspection recommendations and areas of concern. This will support my efforts in holding the Chief Constable to account, in order to drive the improvements required.

Yours sincerely

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