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Dear Zoe,

Subject: HMICFRS – Stalking & Harassment, Thematic Update Report (Published April 2019)

I 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 welcomed the thematic inspection into the Police and Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) response to stalking and harassment “Living in Fear,” which was published in July 2017. The report highlighted the positive changes that were required to make the biggest difference to victims. This included the importance of recognising the significance of the context surrounding apparently innocuous complaints made by victims and the damage to victims which could result from the persistent activities of perpetrators over a long period of time. This latest report published in April 2019 measures the progress made against the recommendations made in July 2017. I again welcome this update report as it confirms the need to put the victim at the centre of our approach to this complex area of policing.

I can confirm that these latest recommendations which add to those made in 2017 have been accepted by Lincolnshire police with progress being made towards their achievement. I will continue to monitor the Force’s progress towards completion of these recommendations via the use of a bespoke HMICFRS ‘tracker’ document which records force progress against all ‘Areas for Improvement’, ‘Recommendations’ and ‘Areas of Concern’ made within HMICFRS Inspection reports. A copy of this tracker document is also provided to the Joint Independent Audit Committee on a quarterly basis to help provide assurance on current force remedial activity.

I re-affirm my commitment to driving improvements in this area of policing and value the findings of the HMICFRS update report as it emphasises the need to maintain momentum

in achieving change that will help to protect victims from crimes which can have serious, and sometimes tragic consequences.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed within a thin, horizontal oval border. The signature is stylized and appears to read 'M Jones'.

Marc Jones
Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire