

Rt Hon Theresa May MP

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Dear Home Secretary

The depths of dishonour: Hidden voices and shameful crimes.

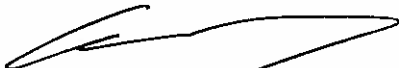
I write on behalf of the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime with regard to the report published by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in December 2015 *The depths of Dishonour*.

The Metropolitan Police have a centrally based dedicated team of officers working on tackling these offences. This is supported by specialist officers in boroughs who have received additional training to investigate such allegations and to ensure they are properly supported, with high quality support provided to the victims. The central team have put considerable effort in to building partnerships and are using the National Police Chief Constable's plan, based on the four P's, to develop and structure their practice.

With specific regard to the recommendations the Metropolitan Police has conducted considerable work on gaining a better understanding of these offences. They have worked with a broad cross section of agencies and experts in the fields to improve their insight and practice in this area. Oversight and monitoring is exercised both by the MPS senior leadership and by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor through the Mayor's office. New technology, which is planned and envisaged, will further support this work. At the centre of all approaches to these offences and in supporting victims is partnership working. Police officers work alongside other professional in all these crimes, and work with agencies to ensure victims are identified.

MOPAC and the MPS fully recognise the importance of tackling these crimes, and I recognise that even though considerable progress has been made there continues to be a desire for improvement and a positive direction of travel.

Yours sincerely,



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