

Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP

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Dear Sajid

Force report for the Crime Data Integrity inspection

I write with regard to the report published by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary, Fire & Rescue on 17 July 2018 as part of the Crime Data Integrity programme of inspections.

I welcome this report and the improvements the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) has made since the 2014 report. I am pleased with the good practice the MPS has shown throughout the organisation and that the MPS is currently one of the best performing forces in this area. I am thankful to HMICFRS for raising the tough challenges it has within the inspection report. Many of these challenges we are already working with the MPS to address.

The Mayor has put victims at the heart of his Police and Crime Plan. It is imperative that any crime that is reported to the MPS is accurately recorded as such. I am pleased to note that the report highlights a commitment to accurate crime recording that is victim-focused and free from performance pressures of any kind. I will be pressing the MPS to ensure that this remains a priority.

The MPS has been working to implement the recommendations from the inspection report of 2014 and I am pleased that every one of these has been completed. The report highlights an improved understanding by officers and staff of the crime-recording requirements for offences of stalking and harassment, and good levels of recording accuracy for vulnerable victims.

Although this report shows good progress for the MPS, there is still more that can be done to ensure that accuracy of crime recording does not falter, and I am not complacent. The MPS has implemented actions to address the areas for improvement noted in the inspection report. An update can be found in annex A to this letter.

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I thank you for this report and the useful findings it has provided.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sophie Linden', with a stylized, cursive script.

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