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Dear Home Secretary

HMICFRS Report: State of Policing: The Annual Assessment of Policing in England and Wales 2022

Under section 54(4A) of the Police Act 1996, it is a duty of His Majesty's (HM) Chief Inspector of Constabulary is to produce an annual report to the Secretary of State on the state of policing in England and Wales. On the 9 June 2023, His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Service (HMICFRS) published the H M Chief Inspector of Constabulary's annual report titled 'State of Policing: The Annual Assessment of Policing in England and Wales 2022'.

The report contains an assessment of the effectiveness and efficiency of police forces in England and Wales, based on the inspections HMICFRS carried out between 1 December 2021 and 31 March 2023. Under Section 55(5) of the Police Act 1996, as Police and Crime Commissioner I am required to provide my formal response to this report.

I recognise that this assessment is drawn from inspections undertaken by HMICFRS, the findings and reports of other organisations, and other information and analysis. Within the report three recommendations have been put forward by HM Chief

Inspector of Constabulary to Chief Constables and the Home Secretary. These recommendations are as follows;

Recommendation 1

By 30 September 2023, the National Police Chiefs' Council lead on stop and search, working with the College of Policing and academia, should commission further primary research to quantify the deterrent value of stop and search and the causes of disproportionality in its use.

Recommendation 2

By 31 December 2023, the Home Secretary should review the present limitations in the legislation concerning the Inspectors of Constabulary and establish whether measures to resolve them should be introduced to Parliament.

Recommendation 3

By 31 December 2023, the Home Secretary should re-establish the involvement of the Inspectors of Constabulary in the selection and appointment of police chief officers and determine whether legislative changes should be introduced to Parliament.

I have noted these recommendations. I acknowledge the important role played by HMICFRS, in providing me with the necessary assurance on the effectiveness and the efficiency of the Constabulary. My commitment to prevent and reduce crime and keep the communities of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough safe, remains as strong as ever. I will continue to work with the Chief Constable, local and national partners to further improve policing for the benefit of the public we serve.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Darryl Preston', written over a light grey rectangular background.

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