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Dear Theresa

Crime Data Integrity Inspection

I write with regard to the report on the findings from the Crime Data Integrity inspection published on 1st May 2014.

Both GMP and I recognise the importance of integrity in crime recording. The quality of crime and incident data is essential in sustaining public confidence in the police service. I appreciate that this is an interim report, covering inspections carried out at 13 Forces, and that a further report about GMP is expected shortly.

The Chief Constable, Sir Peter Fahy, has assured me that he is addressing the areas for improvement that have been identified by HMIC in the interim report. The Chief Constable has advised that GMP is taking steps to improve compliance with national crime recording standards through training and other steps to raise the understanding of officers of what are lengthy and complex rules about crime recording as set out in the National Crime Recording Standard (NCRS) and Home Office Counting Rules (HOCR).

My internal audit team are currently assessing GMP's processes for auditing compliance with crime recording standards.

I will, of course, provide more detailed feedback in relation to the GMP-specific report when it is published in the next few weeks.

*Regards
Tony*

Tony Lloyd
Commissioner